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Two towns united in mourning after popular teacher's tragic death

ABOVE: Tanya Floyd with her three sons, 10-year-old twins Joseff and Elis, and eight-year-old Finley.

by PHILIP IRWIN

TWO communities – in Cowbridge and in Monmouthshire – are united in grief after the sudden death of a popular teacher.

Tanya Floyd, aged 40 and a mother of three young boys, died suddenly and unexpectedly on October 17. She taught in Undy Primary School in Caldicot three days a week, and volunteered regularly at her children's primary school, Y Bont Faen, on the other two days.

The family told The GEM that they were still in shock, but are very grateful for the love and support shown to them from friends and the communities affected, at this heartbreaking time.

The outpouring of grief from the community in general has been so great that a JustGiving page set up in her memory has already passed £4,200 in under a week, a true testament to Tanya's memory.

Tanya was a Cowbridge girl, brought up in the town by her parents, Peter and Katrena Clinton, along with her two brothers, Paul and John. She went to Y Bont Faen Primary, and then on to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

She qualified as a teacher in 1998, and her first job was at Undy Primary. She never left and, in her 17 years there, she was a much respected and loved nursery, and more recently reception, teacher. She was also the PE co-ordinator.

She met her husband, Mark Floyd, in Cowbridge as a teenager and they bought a house in Llanharry. They had three children – all boys. Joseff and Elis are 10-year-old twins, and Finley is eight.

Although they lived in Llanharry, their social life revolved around Cowbridge, and Tanya was a regular on the touchline at Cowbridge junior rugby and football matches, encouraging and supporting her boys and the whole team.

Tanya and Mark were married in the Ramoth Chapel in Cowbridge, where the celebration of her life will take place tomorrow (Friday, October 30) at 12 noon.

The family have asked everyone to wear bright colours please. Family and friends will be welcome at the Bear Hotel afterwards to remember Tanya.

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Poppy Day idea praised

ABOVE: Cowbridge's new way of marking Remembrance Day and boosting the Poppy Appeal has attracted favourable comment from visitors to the town. (For more details, see page 7)

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Counting the cost of party's promises

THE list of promises for projects across the Vale continues to grow apace and suddenly the focus is on the Dinas Powys bypass.

Apparently, even with huge financial problems for both the Vale Council and the Assembly, firm commitments have been made by the local MP's office that if Conservatives win the Assembly elections, they will build the long-awaited bypass.

This does raises a number of questions: to make such a promise, they must know how much it will cost. They also must be able to state where in the list of road schemes this particular scheme will fit.

After all, many communities and businesses are lobbying for road improvements all over Wales.

We also need to know what will be the level of financial support that will be available from Westminster – at present, the UK Government is reducing the funding for Wales. This is quite a challenge to address unless you are making empty promises.

One major issue is the Conservative support for a billion pound M4 relief road around Newport. If this project does go ahead, it will wipe out most of the available resources, not only for any other road, but also schools, hospitals and industrial development.

However, as the Tory Assembly group is split down the middle, they are not really in a position to tackle this.

We also know that the realistic choice next year is between tired stale Labour and their dismal record, or Plaid Cymru, fresh with ideas and determination to improve the nation.

The Conservatives have no chance of forming a government in Wales.

Chris Franks,
Dinas Powys,
Plaid Cymru councillor.

'Didn't patient present clear medical need?'

I WOULD like to comment on your front page story in the October 22 edition. I am a patient at West Quay and have to say, I'm impressed with the way the medical centre has been run since its opening.

The story about the patient not being able to get his medication is a worrying development.

I have to ask, are any of the employees of the medical centre mentioned in the story, qualified to take what was obviously a medical decision regarding the patient's medication?

Furthermore, Mr Christopher Williams, the practice manager states: "Where there is a clear clinical need to produce prescriptions urgently, the practice will do so."

I would have thought that the incident in question was 'a clear clinical need', so why was the patient made to wait?

I would call upon the doctors at West Quay, to step in and advise Mr Williams of the correct protocols, or is the tail wagging the dog?

(Name and address supplied.)

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'CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS HAVE NOT FOUGHT AGAINST RURAL HOUSING' READER

I READ with interest last week the comments of the leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies regarding his proposals for a new planning regime and in particular his comment that the Conservatives have opposed a number of large planning applications in the Vale.

The reality is that his party, both nationally and locally, has not opposed the current housing building policy forced upon us by the Wales Government, nor have they formulated an alternative policy that would satisfy the current need for new homes whilst avoiding the alienation of many people living in rural areas who currently are having to absorb the majority of new builds.

What must not be forgotten is that it was the Conservatives who controlled the Vale in the previous administration and had every opportunity to have had an LDP in place prior to the last council election. They failed to do this and as a result, handed an ideal opportunity for the Labour Party to claim in their manifesto that if elected, they would go back to the drawing board and start the process all over again.

Throughout this process the Conservative members on the council have been strangely silent. No public statement opposing the policy to urbanise the Vale has been made and no challenge has been made to the current administration as to why Llandow Newydd is off the agenda.

Furthermore, checking the minutes of the planning committee meetings at which a number of decisions to approve large scale developments in rural settings have been made, it can be seen that little or no opposition is recorded from Conservative members, and they have willingly voted in favour of these applications.

This does not support Andrew RT Davies' claim that the Conservatives have 'opposed many of the large housing developments proposed.'

The simple truth is that both the Conservative and Labour members of the Vale council are equally culpable for the planning chaos that exists in the Vale and while I am sure that Andrew RT Davies means well, it is I am afraid too little too late.

Gareth Jones,
Colwinston.

Broken promise on tax credits

I'M writing to express my disappointment in Alun Cairns' failure to stand up for the people of this county after Mr Cameron broke his promise on tax credits.

It is not Mr Cairns' fault that more senior members of his party lack the moral standards and integrity required to keep a promise.

However, it is his responsibility to take a stand against such failures, especially when it concerns the livelihood of millions of hard working people.

His job is to represent us and act as the mouthpiece for our collective concerns, not to slouch on the sidelines when important issues like this one arise.

Mr Cairns, you seem like a good man and a suitable individual for your role, but this has to be proven to us each day you represent us as our local MP.

Tudor Davies,
Barry.

Tax credit harm

BY all means encourage families to become more independent, but the extent of the tax credit cuts is likely to cause great harm to many that are least able to cope with them.

Tim Draper, Barry.

MP should oppose tax credit cuts

IT is a good job the House of Lords is still in being, to stand up for the hardworking low-paid people in our country against the Government's plans to introduce tax credit cuts.

This government doesn't care who they hurt. Even the Conservative Leader in Wales Andrew R T Davies does not agree with their plans and is asking for a fairer arrangement, but of course Alun Cairns MP voted for the cuts in the House of Commons last week.

He supported his leader David Cameron just like the other Welsh Conservative MPs, and I would remind readers that Mr Cairns claimed £191,333.35 during 2014/15 in expenses and that does not take in his salary, which comes on top of that.

The purpose of family tax credits is to help the low paid with families (who match the criteria) to live, they are the people who work hard in our communities, many are paid the basic wage, some below and having been there myself in my early working life, it is really hard to survive.

I have sent two emails to Mr Cairns asking him not to vote for the cuts but he went ahead to obey his party whip.

He should take advice from Andrew R T Davies and press the Government to adopt a different policy before it is too late, or better still, take a look back at what his Party said prior to the election – so much for election promises.

Gwyn John,
Llantwit Major.

GREAT TOWN FOR THE ARTS

IT was great to see the Memorial Hall and Theatre launch their new digital cinema recently with a live screening of *Hamlet* from the Barbican, featuring Benedict Cumberbatch.

Both the performances and the quality of the production in the hall were excellent. It has long been a disappointment that Barry's last cinema closed down in 2008, and, well before I became a councillor, I organised a Facebook campaign to keep the Theatre Royal open, supported by many thousands of people in the town.

The continued improvements to the cinema at the Memo, supported by Barry Town Council, the Arts Council for Wales and the Vale Council, bring us closer and closer to Barry having a fully operational cinema – capable of screening new releases, special live events and arthouse cinema, as we should expect for a town the size of Barry and increasing the cultural offer in the town.

Barry is a great town for the arts, with live music, choirs and performances almost every week, and it is important that we, as the public of Barry, do all we can to improve our town by supporting local art and culture that we enjoy.

Coun Ian Johnson,
Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales,
Barry.

'Let's talk about mental health!'

READERS often write in thanking the NHS for their help and support while caring for a loved one; most of the ailments, it appears, are in relation to physical health.

Earlier this year, my dad was diagnosed with severe depression and during the summer was admitted to a psychiatric ward at Llandough hospital.

Until this time, family and friends weren't aware of the severity of the symptoms of depression and how it affects the patient and their relatives.

At some point in our lives, one in four of us will experience a mental health problem. It can happen to anyone exactly the same as a physical health issue.

Still, there remains a stigma about mental health and in order to help raise awareness and provide support, MIND mental health charity and Government sponsored *'Time to Change Wales'* both encourage talk about depression and anxiety, with a view to ending mental health discrimination.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Dr Ceri Evans and the team for all of their care and support whilst Dad was at Ward E14. Without them, he would have been sent home from A&E with no help – something a patient should never experience.

L Mullins,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
29 Thur	07.14	10.8	19.38	10.6
30 Fri	07.58	10.5	20.22	10.4
31 Sat	08.43	10.2	21.06	9.9
01 Sun	09.27	9.6	21.49	9.2
02 Mon	10.09	9.0	22.41	8.5
03 Tues	11.02	8.3	23.38	7.9
04 Wed			12.09	8.0
05 Thur	00.53	7.7	13.31	7.8

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SADNESS AFTER LOCAL TEACHER'S SUDDEN DEATH

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Her family said: "Rather than flowers, we would prefer that people give donations to Tanya's JustGiving page, at *www.justgiving.com/teams/TanyaFloyd*. There will also be an opportunity for people to make donations directly via collection boxes at the Ramoth and the Bear on Friday."

At the school where she had taught for 17 years, Undy Primary School in Caldicot, Monmouthshire, the shock was so profound that the school closed for a day so that the staff could prepare to break the news to the children.

Pupils who had left the school and are now attending comprehensive returned to pay their respects to Mrs Floyd.

A book of condolence was opened in the school's foyer and a special assembly for staff and pupils was held. Later a silent tribute was held for her in the school's Foundation Phase playground.

The school's headteacher, Mark Gunn, said: "We are united in our grief at the sudden and tragic loss of a dearly loved friend and incredible teacher, who will be missed terribly by our school community.

"Mrs Floyd was the most caring, positive and calm lady whose empathy and thoughtfulness we will never forget.

"Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and love are with her family, her husband and three precious boys at this desperately tragic time. Our Undy family will never be the same again. Mrs Floyd will always be with us, her laugh and beautiful smile forever in our hearts."

Each pupil was given a ribbon to tie to the school's fence in Mrs Floyd's memory and flowers were left under a tree close to its nursery.

The family are particularly grateful for the support shown to them and the children by Mrs Julia Adams, the headteacher at Y Bont Faen Primary. A special assembly was held for Tanya last week at Y Bont Faen for staff, pupils and close family friends, with Rev Heather Weddel, who will also conduct the celebration of Tanya's life tomorrow.

The family said that Tanya had been a promising ballet dancer as a child and had auditioned for the Royal Ballet. She had gone on to be a fit, keen sportswoman who was always encouraging others to get more active and take part in fundraising challenges.

She had taken part in the recent 'Pretty Muddy' run in Cardiff in aid of Cancer Research and had previously run the Cardiff and Llanelli Half Marathons.

Her family said: "Tanya was so kind and loving, always thinking of others. One example of this was her determination to register as an organ donor.

"Fortunately she had made her wishes known and had discussed donation with her husband Mark and her young boys, so they were well aware of her views, and that made the situation somewhat easier to deal with when the tragic moment came."

Tanya Floyd, pictured in the recent 'pretty muddy' run.

The family would like to take the opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation and in light of the forthcoming changes in Wales, continue to encourage others to discuss their wishes with their loved ones.

They acknowledge and find peace that through Tanya's passing there are families out there who have been given a second chance and hope for their future.

Her family posted the following message on the JustGiving page: "Tanya always gave so much to others and through her life and passing, we know that many lives have been blessed in so many ways.

"In Tanya's memory and honour we would like to continue to support others. We have chosen two particular charities close to her heart, which she supported and personally fundraised for - Cancer Research Wales and Y Bont (Children's Charity).

"Please select your chosen charity. Thank you so much on behalf of Tanya and the whole family x x x"

Young Farmers kickstart their competition year

MAENDY YFC members kickstarted the competition year with entries in the Glamorgan county carcass judging competition held recently at Wern Fabian Farm, Gower by the kind permission of Mr Hugh Phillips.

Competitors were required to judge four lamb or beef carcasses respectively, placing them from first to fourth based on confirmation and fat cover in line with today's butchering trade.

Members aged between 10 and 26 displayed a good standard of understanding and knowledge despite it being the first competition for some.

The next competition wasn't far around the corner as Glamorgan YFC held its second annual Eisteddfod competition at Neath Constitutional Club on Sunday, October 18.

Members took part in a variety of stage and homework competitions.

Maendy members had a very successful day with Miss Keira Ateyo-Canter being placed first in the under-16s recitation competition with fellow club member, Miss Lauren David, achieving second place. In the under-26 section, Miss Louise Evans also did very well, winning the age group.

Maendy YFC club chairman, Miss Kate Thomas, was awarded first place in the photography class while under-16 member, Miss Keira Ateyo-Canter, was placed second in the poem competition and third in the sentence competition with club member Miss Chloe Brewer achieving first place in the sentence competition.

All members who won their competitions will now have the opportunity to represent Glamorgan at the Wales YFC Eisteddfod competition in Aberystwyth on Saturday, November 21. Good luck to all competitors.

Attention now turns to the annual county stockjudging competition day taking place on Saturday, November 7.

Preparation and training is under way for this year's competition day which is being hosted by neighbouring young farmers club, Llantrisant.

Competitors are required to judge a ring of four animals – of beef, dairy, lambs or pigs.

The aim is to judge the ring of four animals placing them in first to fourth position, based on their confirmation and suitability for the modern butchering trade.

Competitors will then proceed to give their reasons in front of a judge within a two minute time constraint.

Members have also been enjoying club trips recently, including an evening bowling and a trip to Infinity Trampoline Park in Cardiff. Most recently, members visited the Senedd in Cardiff Bay, where they were given a tour by the Leader of the Welsh Conservative party, Andrew RT Davies AM, followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

As always, new members are welcome to come along and find out what Young Farmers Club is all about!

For further information visit www.maendy-yfc.com or email maendy.yfc@gmail.com. You can also 'like' the Maendy YFC Facebook page and follow@MaendyYFC on Twitter. Alternatively, contact on 07701 081218.

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Charity run nets £5,260!

The Cowbridge on the Run charity event raised more than £5,000 for Cancer Research UK (Wales).

The organiser, Anne Birt, told The GEM this week: "The total so far for the run is £5,260. Money is still coming and we are thrilled with the figures!"

'Advent Live Cowbridge' pledges support for Tenovus Cancer Care

ADVENT Live Cowbridge is an advent calendar of musical videos that showcases choirs and performers from Cowbridge singing Christmas songs, including local primary and comprehensive schools, the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, Cowbridge Choral Society, Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, Cowbridge Stagecoach, Cowbridge Music in Mind Choir, Wednesday Warblers and Stage Door 1.

A spokeswoman explained: "Each day of Advent we release a video of the performance, filmed in different locations around Cowbridge, on our website and on social media. Individuals are sponsored to participate and local businesses sponsor videos as well.

"Two years ago we raised £1,500 for Prostate Cymru and this year we aim to raise over £5,000 for Tenovus Cancer Care's 'Sing With Us' choirs, which helps people affected by cancer through singing and community – so what better charity service to support?

"We are also going to hold a Christmas market and concert with performances from the acts all day, on December 5 in The Duke of Wellington."

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TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

'There is something in the air'

I REFER to the village of Treoes, where it seems so many of the local inhabitants live to their 90th birthday and beyond.

One such gentleman is Mr Alf Hemming, who celebrated his 90th on October 19 (his photo appeared in The GEM last week).

Born in the Pontypool area, he lived there until the age of 10 years, when his family moved to various parts of the Vale, where he would eventually meet his future wife Margaret.

They married in St Canna's, Llangan, and settled in the village of Treoes. During the Second World War, Alf served in India. Their children live fairly close to their Treoes home and are constant visitors.

One can only wish Margaret and Alf many more happy birthdays, peace and contentment!

Saron Chapel

A WARM welcome awaits on Sunday, November 1 at Saron, when Rev Trevor Harry will conduct the service, which will begin at 3pm.

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Twins Harry and Megan Withnall proudly show off their certificates.

Peterstone-super-Ely School SRC certificate ceremony.

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Y Bont Faen School were the winners of the Cowbridge Library Summer Reading Challenge Schools' Cup.

THIS year's Summer Reading Challenge with the theme of 'Record Breakers' captured the imagination of children in schools across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Membership at Cowbridge library swelled as over 300 pupils from the area took up the challenge to read six books during their summer holidays.

Over 200 children completed the summer reading challenge to receive their medals and certificates.

This year's challenge was won by Ysgol Y Bont Faen, who beat last year's winners, St David's Colwinston.

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An invitation to All Souls' Day

MAY I take the opportunity to thank the people of Cowbridge and its surrounding villages for such a warm welcome at the beginning of my time as Rector of Cowbridge.

I am slowly getting to know people and places and look forward to contributing positively to the life of these communities.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to our All Souls' Day service on Monday, November 2, 7pm at Holy Cross, Cowbridge. This service is an opportunity to remember our loved ones departed before God and to entrust them to his keeping.

It is a simple, quiet service of Holy Communion with an opportunity to light a candle.

In the course of the prayers, we will read aloud the names given to us on the lists in church.

In my former parishes I have found that people value this simple time of remembrance, whether their loved ones have departed recently or many years ago.

Stephen Adams, Rector of Cowbridge

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PRAISE FOR COWBRIDGE POPPY VOLUNTEERS

I HAVE been very moved by the poppies that have been erected on the lamp posts in Cowbridge and Llanblethian and the stories that they tell.

I would like to thank the volunteers who put them up. I know that John Trott and David Howells were the volunteers who put them up in the Westgate end of town.

I read the one on the corner of the High Street and Llantwit Major road with interest, as our house was mentioned. It reads David Robert Bond lived at Rock House (then Rose Cottage).

When my husband and I bought Rock House we were handed all the old deeds and leases for the property going back to 1824, when the land was owned by the Marquis of Bute. Rock House was built in 1903 by Henry and Ann Trott, who in 1901 lived in the West Toll Gatehouse where Ann was the toll gate collector.

The records we have show that Rock House has been called Rock House since it was built and was referred to as Rock House in a legal mortgage document dated 1912.

A John Bond appears in our documents as a west end haulier who owned the land next door to Rock House back in 1903 and no Bonds are recorded as having lived in Rock House.

I believe that the house next door (now Westgate lodge) was possibly called Rose Cottage and this is where David Robert Bond may have lived, and been the son of the John Bond mentioned in our documents?

If anyone can shed any light on this I would be delighted to know.

Siân Vaughan, Cowbridge.

Glamorgan Hunt meets at Fonmon

The Master led off at the start of the opening meet of the Glamorgan Hunt at Fonmon Castle recently.
PHOTOGRAPH by HEATHER MARCH

HARVEST LUNCH

ST ILLTUD'S broke new ground this year by holding a harvest lunch instead of an evening event as in previous years.

The other significant change was to hold it in the west church, now that it is clear and capable of seating the numbers.

Clearly this was to people's liking as the meal was a sell-out and the church packed to bursting.

A delicious hot meal was prepared by Jan Farthing and was so well enjoyed that several diners asked for the recipe.

This will be printed in the parish magazine.

Anne Sparks had organised the arrangements including a group of friends, known as 'the ladies who lunch' who did the serving.

Our curate Rachel said grace before the meal and thanked all the helpers after it.

Our trusty organist Lynne Brown played for the customary sing-along, which, with the raffle, rounded off the event.

A total of over £750 was raised and the profit will be passed over to benefice funds.

ES

'Clearing up' after travellers

I READ in your latest edition that the Nell's Point car park had been 'tidied' after the 'travellers' had left; I presume this does not include the wheelie bins kindly provided for them, and calor gas bottles left by them.

Political parties have been keen to produce 'flyers' advertising their various inputs, but so far have not responded to e-mails I sent them highlighting the dangers of these items being added to an already significant pile of debris not removed from an earlier 'clean up' operation.

With bonfire night coming along and debris and gas bottles lying around, I have asked who will be held responsible should an accident occur?

Heaven forbid the 'flyers' are merely for self publicity?

John Deavall, Barry.

New technology and the taxi trade...

Should Uber be welcomed in Wales?

by GEM REPORTER

THE leader of the Welsh Conservatives says the arrival of the online taxi company Uber should be embraced in Wales – but that is not necessarily the view of taxi firms in Barry.

Uber is a smartphone app that taxi customers can download. A car can be booked at the touch of a button – and when the customer arrives at the end of the journey the payment is processed automatically. The fare is paid to Uber online which takes a cut and then pays the driver.

Making comments on a Welsh Conservative forum, regional Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies said innovation should be welcomed: "Welsh Conservatives are the party of the entrepreneur, the grafter, the innovator which is why technology should be embraced – not feared.

"Take the row over Uber, for example. Its arrival in London has provoked a strong response from taxi drivers and Transport for London – and the same controversy has raged in Cardiff since Uber announced its intention to launch earlier this year.

"Ultimately, all people want is access to a reliable, safe and convenient transport network and that's why Uber deserves a chance in Wales.

"The traditional black cab is a wonderful thing. It's part of our history. In a sprawling, complicated, urban land mass like London, 'knowledge' is a valuable tool. But the Mayor of London is right – the public has a right to choose between the high-end service offered by the hackney carriages and the low-cost convenience of Uber. Competition is a good thing."

Uber operates with private hire licensed drivers.

But Iqbal Miah the co-owner of 1st Line Taxis in Barry said there are more than enough taxi drivers in the Vale and companies like Uber could bring it to saturation point.

1st Line Taxis employs a total of 46 people, some in the office and some out on the road.

He explained: "The taxi trade is well run by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. If people have a problem with a local taxi firm they are able to talk directly to them. The customer has a direct contract with the taxi firm – with Uber, it is indirect."

Mr Miah said that local firms were also moving forward in terms of using new technology and it would be unfair for a big company to move in to the Vale, endangering the employment of local people.

In some ways, the controversy over Uber mirrors the march of supermarket chains – with independent and family owned shops often losing out.

Big cities like London and Cardiff are grappling with the issue raised by Uber – in the future, it could be areas like the Vale and Bridgend too.

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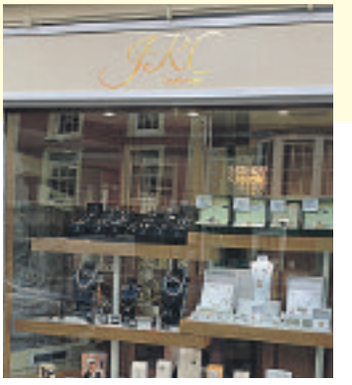

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Rescue exercise off Barry Island

Kayak and rowers exercise.

VOLUNTEER crew at Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station carried out a multi-agency exercise last Sunday with National Coastwatch Institution Nell's Point, Barry Yacht Club Sea Rowers and South Wales Kayak Association.

The exercise was an opportunity for the water users to work together and develop rescue techniques. The kayakers and rowers practiced self-rescue techniques as well as working with the lifeboat crew to practice rescue and recovery, in case of more serious situations. Lifeboat Coxswain Jon Atkins said: "It was a very useful exercise for everyone involved."

Also essential is the funding that provides the vital equipment used by the crew and covers the cost of the training programme. The station was pleased to receive a donation of £150 recently, in memory of Mrs Pritchard and presented by Mr Sean Farley.

The station has also had the support of both All Saints' and St Baruc's churches, and Barry Yacht Club, both of whom arranged fish suppers for RNLI funds. All Saints' and St Baruc's churches raised a whopping £500 and hope to make the supper an annual event.

'Conker walk' raises cash for cancer charity

RECENTLY, Porthkerry Park was the setting for a 'Conker Walk' in aid of breast cancer research organised by local fundraising group, Cardiff and Vale Breast Cancer Now.

Around 70 adults, plus many children and dogs, met to enjoy a 2k walk through the park or a more challenging 4k walk through the woods.

The group were joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt; Barry Mayor, Coun Emma Pritchard and deputy Mayor, Coun Charlotte Williams.

Walkers tied pink ribbons round the two horse chestnut trees they passed on the walk and all children received conkers to take home. The group raised £500 for the charity Breast Cancer Now.

As everyone enjoyed the afternoon, the group plan to make the walk an annual event.

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CLASSIC CAR CLUB ARRIVES IN PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY

Photographs by IAN DIXON

THE Three Horseshoes pub in Peterston-super-Ely recently hosted the South Wales Classic Car Club, as part of the club's autumn rally.

The route took 65 members through the country lanes of the Vale, stopping at Peterston where they enjoyed a leisurely morning coffee before moving on to Ogmore-by-Sea for Sunday lunch.

Three Horseshoes landlord Digby Rees (centre) with two classic car club mwmbers.

Local school enjoys a visit to the Senedd

St Nicholas school council preparing for a day at the Senedd.

LEFT: The children waiting patiently for the arrival of First Minister Carwyn Jones.

RECENTLY St Nicholas School Council decamped to the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff Bay.

The main objective of the visit was to learn about how the Welsh Assembly is run. The day started off in the chamber with a St Nicholas School Council meeting, followed by a real life topical debate discussing the newly-introduced law of not smoking in the car when there is a child under 18 inside. We then voted on the issue and overwhelmingly decided it was a good law.

After taking a quiz to familiarise ourselves with the assembly budget, areas of spending and positions of responsibility, we made our way to the public gallery to watch the plenary session of First Ministers' Questions.

The children went home very happy and with a vastly improved knowledge of the workings of the Welsh government.

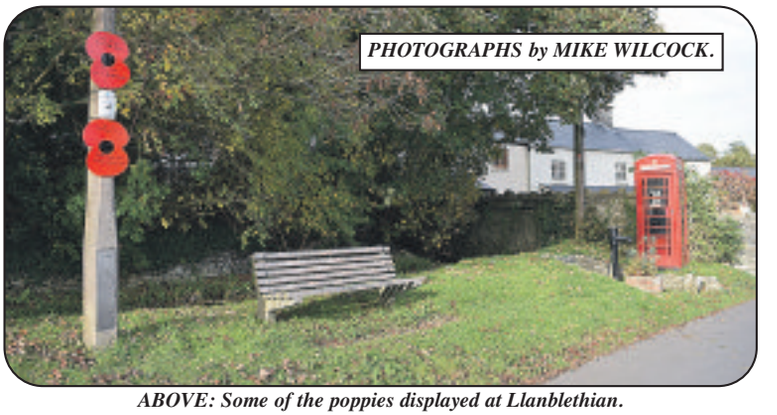
"At the Welsh Assembly we had our own council meeting which Madeline and Joe, the head councillors were in charge of. We also went to see a live debate with the First Minister Carwyn Jones.

"My favourite part was the live debate because I had never seen one before" – said Liberty Hooley, year-6.

"This was an amazing trip. Thank you to everyone who organised it. I learnt so much about what the Welsh politicians do, and about all the important things they discuss and pass laws on" – Ben Wade, year-5.

JASON DOWNEY

COWBRIDGE'S POPPY APPEAL DISPLAY STRIKES A CHORD WITH ONLOOKERS!



ABOVE: Some of the poppies displayed at Llanblethian.

by PHILIP IRWIN

COWBRIDGE is attracting much favourable comment from visitors who have been struck by the town's Poppy Appeal display this year.

Travelling through the main streets of Cowbridge you can't but notice the number of poppies on the lamp posts, stretching from the Edmondes Arms in the east to Llantwit Major road in the west.

Each of the 43 posts has two poppies containing the motto 'We will remember them'.

Closer inspection reveals that they commemorate the fallen servicemen whose names are on the Cowbridge War Memorial, and who lost their lives in WWI, WWII and, most recently, in Afghanistan in 2014.

In many instances the poppies contain not only the name, but where that man lived, where he worked or some other connection to Cowbridge and, where possible, the poppies have been placed close to the address where the man lived, worked or had links.

David Howell, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal organiser for Cowbridge, explained: "We thought it was important to remember that the names on the Cowbridge War memorial are not just names, but men who lived and worked in the town and who spent their everyday lives here.

"We believe linking their names to the places they lived or worked will help raise awareness that they are more than just names, they were real people.

"These men, and those of Llanblethian, where there are another 16 poppies to commemorate those on the Llanblethian Memorial, including three brothers, were part of the heart and soul of the area.

"They lived throughout Cowbridge and Llanblethian and their occupations included masters at the grammar school, bankers, a police constable, a monumental mason and a postman.

"Some of these men also represented the town at cricket and rugby. They were individuals who had lives to live but sacrificed them for our future.

"We believed these men should and must be remembered, hence their names and other information about them on the poppies.

"We also thought they could help raise the profile of the Poppy Appeal in Cowbridge at the time we make our annual collection and help raise money to support the current day service men and women who have followed them.

"Every pound collected is put to good use and your generosity would be much appreciated."

The Royal British Legion has also installed a display in the offices of The GEM newspaper, at 53, Eastgate.

We thank the Legion for its efforts, and hope that their hard work this year is rewarded by the people of Cowbridge.

PACT meetings

CADOC – Meet your local officers at Waitrose, Barry, between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday, October 29.

WENVOE – coffee morning/surgery at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe on Monday, November 9 at 10am.

COWBRIDGE – coffee and chat will be held at the Red Fox, Penllyn, on Tuesday, November 10 at 11am.

Rotary's grand charity quiz

THE Rotary Club of Cowbridge will again be holding a grand charity quiz on Saturday, November 14, commencing at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The venue will be Cowbridge Town Hall.

The quiz is open to teams of four people from clubs, societies, businesses or any other local group.

There will be an entry fee of £24 per team, and the teams will be asked to nominate a charity with prizes for the charity of £250, £100 and £50, subject to the number of teams entering. Any surplus money raised on the night will be divided between Rotary-nominated charities.

Team members will work together and answers will be in written form. No verbal answers – no pressure. Up to 30 teams will take part.

Drinks will be available from a bar run by the Rotary Club of Cowbridge.

To enter, call Andrew Lane on 01446 772068 for full details and an entry form or email cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk

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BLACK CAT DAY IS A GREAT SUCCESS AT BRIDGEND PROTECTION CENTRE!

Coun Reg Jenkins, the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, with cat centre staff

Poppy and Coral Boucher.

Gemma Scourfield and Archie.

Danielle draper's carved pumpkin.

Martini and Mojito.

PHOTOGRAPHS by SUE DOBBS

THE Bridgend Cats Protection Centre held a 'Black Cat Bonanza' last Saturday (October 24) – taking advantage of the event's proximity to Halloween.

Centre manager Sue Dobbs told The GEM: "We had a great day, with over 150 people coming along to support the event.

"We raised over £1,475 and nine cats and kittens were reserved on the day, including Martini and Mojito, 10-week-old kittens who had been overlooked previously.

"Our special guests were the Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Reg Jenkins, and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Teresa Jenkins.

"They had a great time meeting all the cats and kittens in our care, and visiting the stalls and other attractions."

The event was held in the lead up to National Black Cat Day, which was on Tuesday, October 27, to encourage people to find a place in their hearts and homes for an unwanted black or black-and-white moggy.

The team, volunteers and supporters dressed up as black cats on the day and attractions included a creepy cavern, fresh cake stall, raffle, tombola, children's corner and much more."

Cat carer Alice Darroch brought in her pet snake and many of the visitors were fascinated by him.

Sue Dobbs said "We would like to say thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress, and to everyone who came along to support our event.

"It was a successful day and a great time was had by all. We currently have 143 cats and kittens in the centre, 50 per cent of whom are black and black-white, several of whom are long stay cats.

"Hopefully the event highlighted the plight of these cats and they will find their forever homes soon."

Anyone interested in adopting a cat or kitten should call 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk

INVESTMENT IN THE VALE KEY TO REGENERATE OUR COMMUNITIES

ACROSS the Vale of Glamorgan the Welsh Government is investing in towns and villages to help regenerate and sustain our communities and local economy.

Over the past few weeks I have been joined by my colleague Lesley Griffiths AM, the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty , who has been visiting a number of projects and initiatives in Barry which have benefited from Welsh Government investment.

She told me that since 2006, the emphasis on regeneration across Barry has evolved from predominantly environmental and infrastructure projects, to schemes which underpin more direct community welfare, social and housing benefits.

She said: "Overall in excess of £15 million has been spent on regeneration during this period. The positive impacts generated by over 60 regeneration projects or schemes delivered, have and will continue to help create a positive legacy in terms of raising the profile of Barry Island, Barry town and the wider Vale area as a place to live, work and visit."

The 60 projects funded by the Welsh Government are located all over Barry, from the Gibbonsdown Children's Centre to Castleland Community Centre, YMCA, wheelchair-accessible boat, Barry RFC, Porthkerry Country Park Forest Lodge, YMCA, Atal y Fro, to Weston Square play area, Holton Road and many more. The investment in Barry Island has funded the fantastic public realm works we now see along the promenade with the Adizone outdoor gym and beach huts to the lifeguard station at Whitmore Bay and Nell's Point works.

These are just a few examples of the 60 projects funded by the Welsh Government and developed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Last week, we visited the slipway at No 1 Dock with the Ocean Watersports Trust and ABP Chief Matthew Kennerly to hear about this successful community watersports development attracting interest from user groups across the Vale and beyond.

We also visited the Pump House which is near to completion thanks to the inspiring Simon Baston of DS Properties, who has developed this 'Live, Work and Play' beacon in the Grade II listed landmark in the heart of Barry.

The Welsh Government invested £800k in the 'enveloping' of the Pump House to make it ready for development by the Vale Council.

Alongside these developments we saw the next phase of the Waterfront housing development with three house builders working together to develop this new community at the heart of Barry near to all the facilities the town can offer - with many more to come.

The key focus of our visit last week was to meet Laurie Stanger who recently moved into her new Taylor Wimpey home on Latitude at the Quays who said that the Welsh Government scheme 'Help to Buy' had really helped her.

In fact about 75 per cent of total sales in the new development by Persimmon, Barratt and Taylor Wimpey have been accessed by people using Help to Buy Cymru – our popular Welsh Government scheme.

It is also great to see the new Barry Island link road progressing with the £2.1m interest fee loan from the Welsh Government to the Vale Council to bring forward this vital new link to the Island.

The Welsh Government investment in our towns and villages extends beyond Barry to the whole of the rural Vale with the new Rural Development Fund (European and Welsh Government funding) opening up for applications for the first round of funding with a maximum project of £128,000 grant towards a total project value of £160,000.

Grant is for capital only, but there is some scope to include some revenue costs for feasibility, planning fees etc.

One of the key objectives of this fund is to: 'Develop the resilience and capability of rural communities so that they are better able to cope with and adapt to change.'

Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS) and Creative Rural Communities are giving advice and support to groups who wish to apply and further information is available from *www.gvs.wales/news/2015/09/imformation-summary-for-rural-community-development-fund*.

These are just some examples of the way the Welsh Government is working in partnership with the Vale Council and private and voluntary sectors to deliver new opportunities and investment in the regeneration of the Vale.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt** AM (Minister for Finance)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GEARS UP FOR ACTION

ORGANISERS of Operation Christmas Child in the Vale are holding a 'welcome' morning at the warehouse for people who want to get involved in checking the boxes.

The warehouse is at Unit 37B, Vale Business Park, Llandow, CF71 7PF.

The shoe box campaign will be sending thousands of shoe box gifts to children all over Europe and Africa, where the need is greater than ever, particularly because of the refugee crisis this year.

The welcome morning at the warehouse is on Thursday, November 5 from 11am-1pm.

Warehouse opening dates and times:

November 9 to December 4, Monday to Friday 10am-4pm. Also open 10am-9pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from November 17, and Saturday mornings 10am-1pm on November 21 and 28 and December 5.

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EAST ABERTHAW NATURE RESERVE HOSTS ITS *CONSERVATION DAY*

MORE than 50 volunteers helped improve paths, streams and the cleanliness of the beach during the 10th annual conservation day at East Aberthaw Nature Reserve.

Among the tasks carried out was a beach clean to protect marine life from harmful plastic.

East Aberthaw Nature Reserve is on the east side of Aberthaw Power Station. The area contains a saline lagoon, one of only four in Wales and a unique habitat for local animals, flora and fauna. Regular guided walks are held on the site throughout the seasons, led by the Wildlife Trust.

Groups from the Welsh Government, Valeways, Waitrose, Keep Wales Tidy and local residents joined staff from Aberthaw Power Station to complete tasks identified by the Wildlife Trust who help the power station to manage the reserve.

Amy Lavisher from Aberthaw Power Station, said: "It is an important habitat which includes woodland, a saline lagoon, storm beach and grasslands."

To maintain the natural ambience of the reserve, woodchip is used to cover paths that become muddy when wet. A water channel was cleared to encourage insects to breed, in turn providing food for the birds. A thorough beach clean was also carried out to collect plastic that is harmful to marine life.

"It was a fantastic effort by the volunteers," added Richard Little, station manager. "Many hands do make light work and I am very grateful to all those who took part."

Help was also provided by AN Supplies, who lent the team a generator so the group had power to make hot drinks, and Brandon Hire supplied temporary toilets.

'Stay safe at Hallowe'en'

AGE CYMRU is wishing trick-or-treaters a happy Hallowe'en for Saturday night (October 31).

"We want everyone to have a fun and trouble-free night," said Angharad Phillips, Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth Coordinator.

"Please look out for vulnerable older people in your community and remember that not everyone wants to be involved in the celebrations."

Donors remember Marie Curie

GENEROUS donors from Cardiff and the Vale donated almost £700,000 to Marie Curie in their wills over the last financial year, the charity has revealed.

The equivalent of almost a quarter of all people cared for by Marie Curie across the UK last year – 10,000 people – was as a result of donations left in supporters' wills.

In the period between April 2014 and April 2015, the charity received a staggering £681,000 from 46 gifts left in wills by people living in the Cardiff and Vale area.

Earlier this year, Marie Curie teamed up with law firms in the Vale to offer a free will writing scheme for local people to make or amend a basic will. As part of this process, people were offered the opportunity to leave a donation for a charity in their Will, although they were under no obligation to do so. In all, 23 people elected to leave gifts for Marie Curie.

To learn more about remembering Marie Curie charity, contact legacy advisor, Phae Comber-Jones; email phae.comber-jones@mariecurie.org.uk or telephone 02920 426045 or 07545 422683.

Don't let 'home life' pass Jet by

Jet with Dogs Trust behaviourist, Kim Rowe.

SPORTS-MAD Jet has been at the rehoming centre in Bridgend for over 25 years in dog years – which means he could potentially have been overlooked by over 6,500 people and seen nearly 2,500 of his furry counterparts find their own happy homes.

The sweet-natured crossbreed has been at the rehoming centre since before Wales won the 2012 Grand Slam.

Jet didn't have the best start in life after he came to the rehoming centre when his owners could no longer care for him.

Despite this, he "absolutely adores people" and staff are baffled as to why adopters are not showing any interest in him.

Linda Feagan, Dogs Trust supporter relations officer, said: "He is such an affectionate boy who would prefer to be the only dog in the home so that he can enjoy all your attention to himself. He is looking for a home with older children as he is very energetic."

Call Bridgend Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292, or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk

Marie Curie staff enjoy their own 'dinner down memory lane'. Pictured are legacy advisor Phae Comber-Jones, partnerships manager Owain Taylor-Shaw, health care assistant Cherie Deans, and fundraisers Sarah Hughes and Georgina Burke.

GET OUT THE BLACK FOREST GATEAUX FOR MARIE CURIE

MARIE Curie is calling on all food fans to hold a retro-inspired dinner party in aid of the charity this November.

Retro food is having a revival and Marie Curie's new fundraising campaign, 'Dinner Down Memory Lane' is about holding a dinner party and recreating your favourite nostalgic food.

The money raised from every dinner party will help Marie Curie provide more free care to people living with a terminal illness and their families at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice.

Staff at the hospice recently held their own 'dinner down memory lane', where they enjoyed chocolate fondue, lemon meringue pie and Angel Delight.

Georgina Burke, Community Fundraiser for the Cardiff and Vale Hospice said: "We had great fun holding our own Dinner Down Memory Lane and it made us all very nostalgic. We're really looking forward to seeing what the local community cooks up – whether it be a classic recipe from the past or putting a new twist on an old favourite".

For more information and to sign up for a free fundraising pack visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/dinner or call 0800 716146.

New recruits bolster Barry Male Voice Choir

LAST year's recruits are now important singing members of the Barry Male Voice Choir and enjoy the friendship and fun of choir life.

Here musical director Dot Connell ensures that the subtle harmonies and rousing choruses of the choir repertoire retain their distinct quality.

Full details of the choir feature and the taster evening at the West End Club, Barry on November 16 will be in The GEM on November 5.

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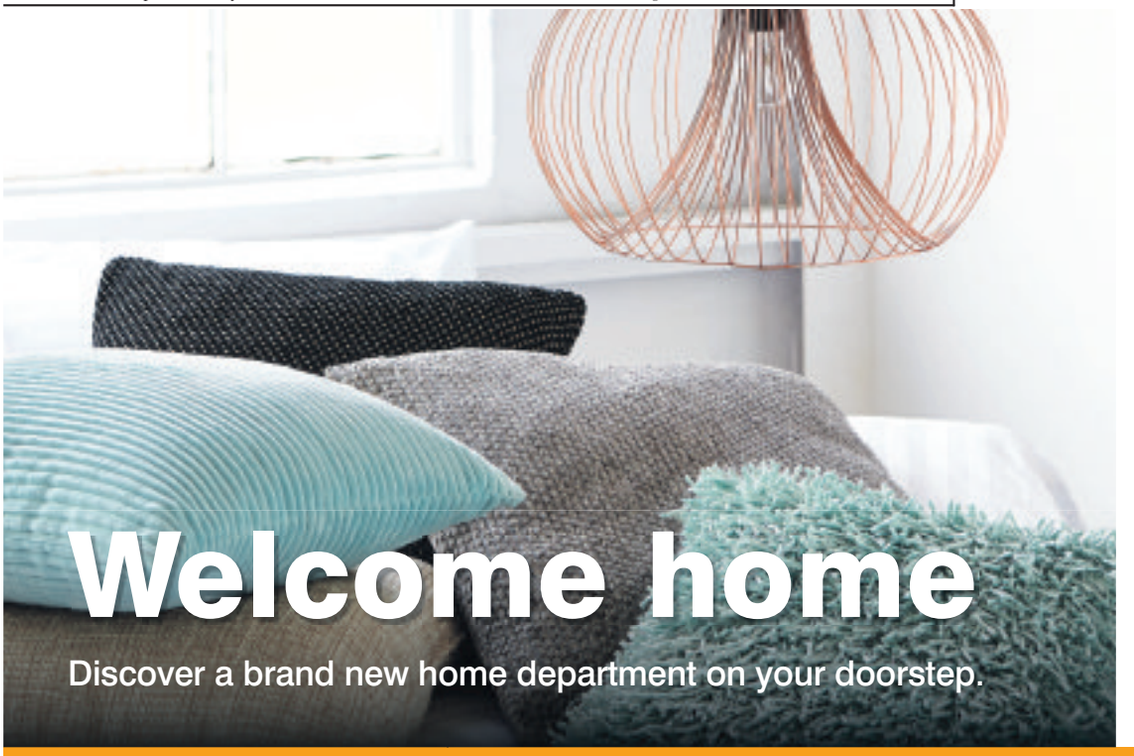

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OVER-50s' group completes survey for 'Active Travel'

From left to right: Group members Anne Marie Little; Ellie Wallis; Max Wallis; Kalpana Natarajan; Gilly Davies; John Porter (Vale Council older persons' co-ordinator); and Clare Cameron (Vale Council road safety).

A VALE over-50s group has recently completed a survey aimed at finding new walking and cycling routes in the area.

According to the group, there is potential for this in Barry, Penarth, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llandough and Rhoose.

Anne Marie Little, chair of the Vale 50-plus Strategy Forum, explained: "In September 2014, the Welsh Government introduced the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

"The Act makes it a legal requirement for local authorities in Wales to map and plan for suitable routes for active travel.

"Active Travel means walking and cycling for everyday short-distance journeys, such as journeys to education, work/volunteering, or for access to shops or services. Active travel does not include journeys purely made for recreation or social reasons."

Members of the group have been taking part in the process, but Anne Marie says that members of the public can also complete the survey, which can be found on *www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144368933029*.

The deadline for completing the survey is January 2016. More information on the work of the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum can be found on www.valeopf.co.uk

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Students plan to give Bluebirds' mascot room an artistic touch!

Creative arts and media students at Cardiff City Stadium.

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College have been commissioned to create an inspirational artwork for Cardiff City Football Club.

As part of its community programme the club has a mascot day scheme for four to ten-year-old CCFC fans. Currently, the room where the mascots wait before joining players on the pitch on match days is bare with white walls, and CCFC wants CAVC art students to brighten it up with their work.

This artwork will be seen by the young fans, their families and other visitors that come to Cardiff City Stadium throughout the year. The work will be themed around young mascots and CCFC.

The club's community officer, Simon Stephens, recently invited a group of Level 1 Exploring the Creative Arts and Media students to Cardiff City Stadium. Here they could draw some inspiration and see where their work would be installed while also taking in the dressing rooms, football pitch and tunnel.

"I learned a lot about Cardiff City Football Club," learner Simone Pace said. "People were really friendly and I enjoyed myself."

Fellow student Earl McRae said: "I think it was really good when we discussed the room and I now have a lot of ideas."

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Friday, October 30, from 4pm-5pm at Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry; no appointment necessary.

Governors win a top award!

Chair of governors Edwina Gill, clerk of the governors Mrs Caroline Rees-Williams and headteacher Andrea Waddington.

THE board of governors at Sully Primary school has been awarded the Quality Mark Bronze Award for governing bodies by Governors Wales in recognition of their impact upon the school's improvement.

Chair of the board of governors, Edwina Gill, said: "The recognition of the board of governors' achievements by Governors Wales is a testament to the continued hard work of all involved. Every one of our governors gives up their own time to help Sully Primary provide its pupils with the best start in life."

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Audit office's approval is 'very pleasing' AND SHOWS THAT BIG IS NOT BEST

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

LAST month I was very pleased to open my column with the news that the Vale Council had been rated as the highest-performing local authority in Wales by the Wales Data Unit.

I am therefore very pleased to confirm that this month that the council has now been commended for its work by the Wales Audit Office (WAO).

Quite an achievement and yet another reason and argument to make the stance of the Vale Council being a stand-alone council.

Perhaps the Welsh Government should compare this council against others particularly the larger ones. This clearly puts to bed the argument that 'Big is Best'. My apologies to the other councils – but just making the point!

The WAO found the council's performance to be strong and its financial management to be effective. Most encouragingly, the auditors stated that our track record suggested that the Vale Council was well placed to improve further over the course of this year and next.

The stated aim of the WAO is to "ensure that the people of Wales know whether public money is being managed wisely and that public bodies in Wales understand how to improve outcomes". For the WAO, the national body responsible for this to have rated the Vale so highly speaks volumes about the hard work that is being undertaken every day by the staff and cabinet of the council to help navigate its way through a very difficult financial climate.

I am also pleased that this last month was yet another busy and a hugely encouraging month for the Vale Council. Yet again the work of the council officers has been recognised, this time in the categories 'Integration and collaborative working' as well as 'Project of the Year' at the National Construction Excellence Awards in London.

Both were in relation to the work carried out in building the Penarth Learning Community (PLC), our new schools in Penarth. Although we did not win the top prize, the PLC Project was commended (third) as project of the year. The winner was Dawlish emergency project.

I am equally pleased to be able to report back on the progress of several high profile projects that are currently on the brink of completion. Earlier this month my cabinet colleagues Coun Lis Burnett and Coun Stuart Egan showed two Welsh Government Ministers and a number of other guests around the new water sports facility at the Mole on the former number one dock at Barry Waterfront.

The facility is run by the Ocean Watersports Trust, which is partly funded by the Vale Council, and will soon provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy sailing and other pursuits on the open water. I wish them every success in the future.

The group subsequently visited the new housing development on the waterfront before touring the renovated Pumphouse, also at the Waterfront, which is due to see its first commercial tenants move in over the coming weeks.

Sitting at the heart of the town's Innovation Quarter, the Pumphouse has been completely remodelled by the developer DS Properties, following a £1.6m investment by the Vale Council in 2013.

The renovation is bringing back to life the once derelict nineteenth century local landmark and will provide a setting for restaurants and leisure facilities, as well as Barry's first live/work apartments.

By the time this article is read, a regenerated and rejuvenated Jenner Park will have been opened with a brand new 3G pitch and will have hosted its first sporting event. The new Jenner Park has been planned as a stadium open to all and I envisage much community use in the future, as well as hosting the regular football matches.

Therefore, it is fitting that the first action on the artificial surface was a Vale under-6s mini football festival. Barry Town United FC will play their first match on the new pitch on October 31 and I hope Gavin Chesterfield and his team enjoy their first run out on the pitch as much as the under-6s did.

I am sure that many people will be reading this at the end of another busy half-term of trying to keep up with and keep busy their children and grandchildren. For those who are as worn out as I am after a week with my grandchild, perhaps it's not a surprise to know that the Vale has some of the most active children and young people in Wales.

This year's school sport survey has revealed that children in the Vale are participating in sport in ever increasing numbers and that in a table of Wales' 22 local authorities, the Vale's youngsters secured a top three spot for sporting activity.

This is encouraging, as the more young people we can get playing sport the better and I like to think that these figures are in part due to the excellent work the Vale Council's sports and play development team, who have put on a wide range of events to get young people active.

There was an exciting programme of free play and sports opportunities delivered during the summer which included arts and crafts, den building, outdoor games, junk modelling, and sports.

I'm sure many people will have been enjoying similar activities this half term week, so I would like to say a big thank you to the team yet again.

I would also like to congratulate two young people who have been very active in the last month, on the campaign trail during Local Democracy Week. Daniel Marshall from Cowbridge Comprehensive School has been elected as the Vale of Glamorgan's second Youth Mayor, with Bronwen Lloyd from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg elected as this year's Deputy Youth Mayor.

I was delighted to announce the results of the election at the Vale Youth Forum, where many of our young people are working hard to highlight youth issues. The new youth representatives were elected after more than 3,802 pupils from schools across the Vale cast their votes during this year's Local Democracy Week.

All the candidates had excellent manifestos and presented convincing cases in their election videos. It was very clear that they are passionate about representing young people in the Vale and can feel rightly proud of their efforts.

My cabinet colleagues and I are looking forward to working with the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the rest of the Youth Cabinet, to ensure that young people in the Vale have a say on matters that affect them, and to further strengthen the communication links between young people and decision makers at the Vale Council.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 42nd annual Barry Fireworks Fiesta next week. I am sure it will be as good as ever.

Will Aid's 'Make a Will' month

IF you have been putting off writing or updating your Will, then this November is the time to put things right.

Will Aid's Make a Will Month offers people the opportunity to put their affairs in order, secure their loved one's future and give to charities.

Participating solicitors are inviting people to contact them to book appointments for November when they will prepare basic Wills without charging their normal fee. All that they will ask in return is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid. The suggested donation is just £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of mirror Wills.

The money raised is shared by nine UK charities that carry out life-changing work here in the UK and around the world, namely ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Sightsavers, Save the Children, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (N. Ireland).

Will Aid's Make A Will Month is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind that comes from knowing your affairs are in order and that your wishes will be carried out after your death.

In fact, writing a legally valid Will is the only way of ensuring that this happens. Around one third of the people who die each year do so without a Will, and their estate is therefore distributed according to a set of rules which cannot adequately cope with modern family circumstances.

This can lead to a great deal of stress and uncertainty, as well as financial hardship for those left behind.

Even if you have a Will, it is important to keep it up to date. Will Aid's research shows that almost 60 per cent of people with a Will may not have revised it for three years or more. Experts recommend routinely reviewing a Will every three to five years, and making a new Will as soon as significant family changes occur.

Peter de Vena Franks, Will Aid campaign director, said: "Will Aid is a fantastic opportunity to get an affordable Will with one of our friendly and approachable solicitors.

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Alan Simons & Co – Mr Gianpiero Molinu, 02920 703991, 5 Bradenham Place, Penarth, CF64 2AG.

Further information at www.willaid.org.uk or call the hotline 0300 0309 558, then contact them directly to make an appointment.

TV PROSECUTIONS

MORE than 26,000 young people between the ages of 18 and 25 were caught watching live TV without a TV licence in the past year including 53 young adults in Barry and 71 in Bridgend.

The figures were released by TV Licensing.

Catherine Griffith-Williams, spokesperson for TV Licensing in Wales, said: "Every year myths circulate about when you do and don't need a licence.

"We want to make sure students and young people know one is needed by law to watch or record live TV, on any device including a laptop, tablet, mobile phone or games console.

"A TV licence costs on average £12.13 a month which goes towards services like Radio 1's Big Weekend, BBC iPlayer, Newsbeat and BBC One Match of the Day.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the A4055 Harbour Road (Causeway) from its junction with St Nicholas Road to its junction with Paget Road Barry.

In addition, the Order known as "The Vale of Glamorgan (A4055 Harbour Road, Barry) (40MPH Speed Restriction) (NO.29) Order 1998" shall be suspended for the duration of this Order.

Reason To allow for the construction of a new footway and cycle lane.

Duration From 6th November 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months or until the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 29th day of October 2015.

M. E Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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Plenty of success for Ysgol Bro pupils

THE half term has been full of success for Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils and past pupils.

Cory Allen and Lloyd Williams were called up to the Wales squad for the Rugby World Cup, while Wes Burns was in the Wales squad to face Andorra in the Euro 2016 Qualifiers.

Iwan Baker, a sixth form pupil, won a silver medal at the recent British Open Junior Wrestling Championships.

Iwan Baker.

Away from the field of sport, Brennig Davies has won two prestigious prizes recently. He was winner of the first BBC Young Writers' award 2015 and was the youngest competitor in the competition. This award follows his success in the Dylan Thomas short story competition.

As part of his prize Brennig will receive personal mentoring sessions with international bestselling author, and competition judge, Matt Haig. Brennig's story was also read on the radio by Sir Ian McKellen.

Just days after this prize, Brennig also won the won the Winston Churchill Public Speaking Cup. Brennig beat seven others in the competition which consisted of the winners from each of the eight English Speaking Union regions. Brennig's speech was based on the Winston Churchill quote "Nature never draws a line without smudging it."

Recently, Jordan Stavrakis and Dafydd Foster Davies competed in the first round of the Wales schools debating competition. We are pleased to announce that they won that round and will now go on to compete in the national round. Congratulations to them and best of luck in the next round.

Well done to them all.

KH

Jordan and Dafydd.

NEW JOB CLUB SET UP IN BARRY

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First is setting up a new Job Club for jobseekers aged 16-24.

The Job Club will give young people in Gibbonsdown the chance to meet others looking for work, build new contacts, share job hunting experiences and get advice on interview techniques, CVs and even volunteering opportunities.

It will meet every other Wednesday, 10am-1pm starting on November 4 at the Aberaeron Hub, Aberaeron Close, Gibbonsdown, Barry, CF62 9BT.

To be eligible to come to this Job Club, you must live in a Barry Communities First area which includes parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

For more information, contact on 01446 709432 or communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org.

School's fond farewell to Alison

PICTURED (from left) Aalijah Miller, Carol Maher (school governor), Alison Edwards, Ian Williams (headteacher) and Charleigh Wheatley.

THE Oak Field Primary School Community said goodbye to a valued member of staff who has been with the school for over 20 years.

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THE Ramblers Big Pathwatch project, which is an attempt to survey all the public footpaths in England and Wales, is continuing and Bridgend Ramblers and others have contributed to the project by surveying over 110 square kilometres in Bridgend county borough. A similar effort is under way in the Vale of Glamorgan.

A Bridgend Ramblers spokesman said: "Bridgend's efforts have so far been concentrated in the south of the county and we have covered nearly all the squares between Pencoed in the east and Porthcawl in the west, and also from Coytrahen to Southerndown.

"The northern half of the county needs a more concerted effort, with only sporadic squares covered in the Llynfi, Garw and Ogmore valleys. It is fair to say however, that these squares are the most challenging to cover!

"Although 110 square kilometres have been covered, Bridgend County Borough covers over 280 sq km, so there's plenty to go!

"We've also tried to enlist the support of Swansea, NPT and Vale Ramblers to connect Mumbles lighthouse to Nash Point with surveyed squares. This is a more achievable objective, with only 10 squares needing a survey. Although The Wales Coast Path connects these points, the survey also needs all paths in the square passed through to be checked.

"You don't have to be a member of ramblers to take part in the project. If you are someone who enjoys the countryside in your neighbourhood then why not take a look at the website *www.ramblers.otg.uk* to see if you can contribute.

"The Bridgend effort has already identified over 130 issues with our footpaths, varying from barbed wire obstructions, unsafe styles to totally overgrown areas where the footpath is unrecognisable and impassible. There are many challenges ahead to improve our heritage of public footpaths that we can all enjoy."

Organ recital at All Saints in Penarth

THIS coming Monday, November 2, August Guan, a talented young musician who recently became the latest organist and choirmaster at All Saints Church in Penarth, will be putting the church's organ through its paces with a programme of music especially to commemorate All Souls Day.

The All Saints organ is in need of updating, although the casual listener could be forgiven for not being aware of it. A fund has been set up to pay for what could be quite an expensive restoration.

This recital will be the third in the church's autumn season of lunchtime concerts where music lovers are invited to come along with their lunch and enjoy a pleasurable hour in this lovely church which is now a venue completely accessible to all people with disabilities.

Entry to these concerts, as always, is free, but many choose to make a donation in recognition of All Saints Church's friendly welcome and of the entertainment, freely provided.

All the All Saints lunchtime concerts start at 1pm and last approximately an hour. Hot and cold drinks are provided.

The autumn programme continues the following week (November 9) with a piano recital by Anthony Negus, conductor, opera coach, pianist and well-known Wagner specialist.

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Coastal communities receive funding boost

THE Vale Council has received a funding windfall of over £224,000 to provide an economic boost to its coastal communities.

The award has been made from the Big Lottery's Coastal Communities Fund, which aims to encourage sustainable job creation in coastal communities across the UK. The council was determined to use the money as a catalyst to boost leisure tourism in the area, and it is being spent on improving pedestrian access to Southerndown's Dunraven Bay – rebuilding the slipway that had been eroded over time by the sea.

The council has also invested in five large storage units with the capacity to securely accommodate water sport equipment such as surfboards.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The Vale's Jurassic coastline at Southerndown is hugely popular with visitors throughout the year and is long-established as something of a surfers' paradise.

"It was felt however, that a lack of infrastructure to accommodate and encourage water sports and other recreational activities was something of a missed opportunity, and that this was hindering the potential for economic growth in the area.

"I'm very excited by these developments. Sometimes, one significant investment like this can have a domino effect in attracting new jobs and further investment."

WI members pay visit to the Senedd

ON October 19, the Cadoxton members had a fascinating insight into 'Welsh Girls in Service'.

Rosemary Scadden was the speaker and kept us all enthralled, making us appreciate mod cons.

Wednesday was the monthly outing and members had lunch at Habanas. Cadoxton and St Hilary attended an organised tour of the Senedd at the invitation of Jane Hutt AM and this was an interesting day out. Quite a busy week, which was enjoyed by all.

At the monthly meeting, the raffles were won by Beryl, Marilyn and Sara. Meetings are held third Monday of the month at 7pm at Victoria Community Centre. For more information, contact 01446 404891. **CW**

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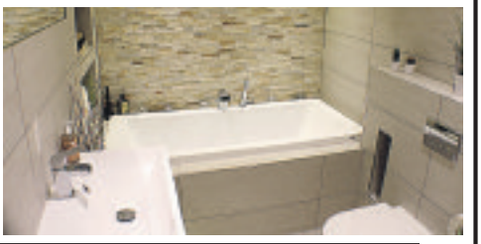

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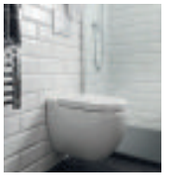

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Inner Wheel members.

ABOVE: Rotary president Paul (third left) with Rotarians and guests.

ON Thursday, October 22 the Rotary Club of Barry and Inner Wheel hosted a joint international charity lunch in the Memorial Hall, Barry which raised over £400 for charity.

Speaking during the annual event, Rotary Club president Paul Halstead said that the Rotary Club were delighted to host an event with Inner Wheel and that Rotary's share of the profit would go to Shelterbox.

He thanked the general public for their continued invaluable support, making such events possible.

The next major event in the Rotary Club's programme is the annual Fireworks Fiesta on Thursday, November 5 at 7.45pm on Barry Island, to be held come rain or shine!

Continuing with their busy autumn programme, the club will also have stalls at the High Street Christmas lights switch-on at the end of November and will also be supporting the Dinas Powys Dickensian Fair in December.

Another joint event, a Christmas concert with Inner Wheel in a residential home in Barry, is also planned in December.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm. More details are available from secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or visit ribi.org.

JILL OSBORNE

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 26:

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The college has industry-standard salons and restaurants at both its city centre and Barry campuses, where learners can gain valuable experience of working in professional environments and engage with customers as they study.

The college looks forward to welcoming you to its Open Evenings on Tuesday, November 3 at City Centre Campus and Wednesday, November 4 at its Barry campus on Colcot Road.

Come along and see what CAVC has to offer – from GCSEs to Foundation degrees in a wide range of subjects. Whether you want to upskill in your existing job or gain new skills to progress in your dream career, CAVC will have the right course for you.

It's an exciting time to join the college – here are just a few more reasons to choose CAVC:

• Cardiff and Vale College students are among the most satisfied in the country. Students have rated the college above the UK average for teaching and learning.

• In 2015, 82 per cent of CAVC students progressed within three months of leaving the college to either further study, university of employment.

• The college recently received a prestigious double 'Good' grading by education inspectors Estyn – testament to the quality of our education and training.

• 88 per cent of students "achieve", which is two per cent above the national comparator, and that number is increasing each year.

• Cardiff and Vale College students constantly win local, regional and national competitions – more and more each year.

• The college's apprentices are breaking records for award wins and success – Level 2 apprenticeships are six per cent up and Level 3 and 5 are up on national comparators.

• Cardiff and Vale College is the only further education institution in Wales to be a proud member of the Gazelle group, offering learners unique opportunities to be entrepreneurial and employable.

• The college has ambitious plans to develop sector leading education and training facilities across the region. Its new City Centre campus is just the beginning. Sports courses are now housed at the Cardiff International Sports campus and House of Sport at Leckwith, and plans are afoot to transform the college's offer in the Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information about the College's November Open Evenings visit www.cavc.ac.uk/openevening

Highlight Park establishes new Neighbourhood Watch

A HIGHLIGHT PARK Neighbourhood Watch meeting established a new group on October 21.

It was attended by 45 residents and held at Barry Fire Station. The speakers included PCSO Russell Evans, station commander Carl Evans, Kris Rees of Glamorgan Voluntary Services and Ward councillors Anthony Powell and Howard Hamilton.

The guests included Vale AM Jane Hutt and Conservative Assembly candidate Ross England.

Mr England said: "Ada Flinn has done a fantastic job to get so many people interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

"A Neighbourhood Watch scheme will make the area even safer and make the community stronger."

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Sully U3A take a trip to Tintern

TINTERN ABBEY was recently visited by members of Sully U3A local history group.

The Abbey was founded in 1131 as a Cistercian Monastery, the second Cistercian foundation in Britain.

The superb Gothic church was begun around 1269 and was consecrated in 1301. It was closed by Henry VIII in 1536 during the first suppression of the monasteries, ending a 400-year-old way of life.

Today it is a picturesque ruin and remains the best preserved medieval abbey in Wales.

The Sully U3A local history group's next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday, November 4 in the Old School, South Road, Sully when memories of Sully in the 1940s and 50s will be discussed.

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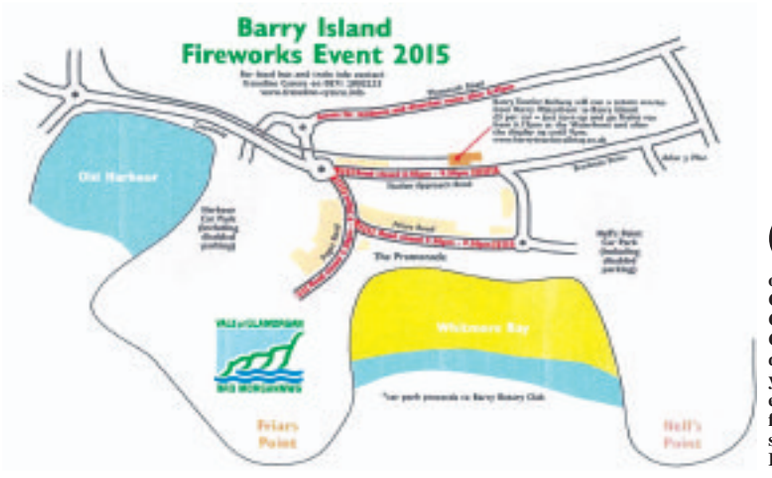
BARRY ISLAND FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

THURSDAY, 5th NOVEMBER

WONDERFUL EVENING OF FUN AT BARRY...

Rotary Fireworks Fiesta set to light up town



Town set to descend on Barry Island for another great night!

ONCE again, and with the collaboration of Barry Town Council and the Vale Council, the Rotary Club of Barry is delighted to bring you an exceptional evening of fun and fireworks, as we stage our 42nd Fireworks Fiesta on Thursday, November 5.

We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except perhaps gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary.

Pendragon Fireworks, based here in Wales, promises that this year's display will be equally as good, if not better than the last.

Come along and enjoy yourselves in what promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, fireworks and music. The fireworks will start at 7.45pm prompt, but to avoid the last-minute rush, we suggest arriving from 6pm.

You will be able to enjoy the delights supplied by the Island traders and the Funfair before and after the main event. Parking is available in the main car parks for only £2 a vehicle. Limited disabled parking on Friars Road is also available.

We implore everyone attending to donate at least £1 into the collecting buckets, so as to assist the future funding of this event. If everyone gave at least £1, we could ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more.

Over the years, this has been a very popular event and traffic delays are to be expected, so where possible, please car share and consider these alternative forms of transport:

- Barry docks Station/Barry Station; park at either site and take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. For times visit *www.arrivatrain-swales.co.uk* or ring 08457 484950.
- Hood Road train service; the Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road Station, The Waterfront to Barry Island Station from 6pm to 9pm.

Our club apologises to the Island residents for any inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30pm-10pm).

PAUL HALSTEAD,
PRESIDENT
ROTARY CLUB OF BARRY

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Thursday 5th November 2015	**Paget Road** between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). **Station Approach Road** throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. **Breaksea Drive** from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. **Friars Road,** between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm-10pm

Schedule 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Thursday 5th November 2015	**Barry Suburb - Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y- Fron, Min-Y-Mo'r, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View, Bull Cliff Walk. Nells Point Barry Island - Clos Yr Wylan, Pioden For and Clos Yr Fulfran**	5.00pm-9.00pm

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BOND IS BACK...
and Spectre certainly delivers the goods!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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WHEN James Bond celebrated his 50th anniversary in 2012, the release of *Skyfall* meant that there was more than just the usual level of interest in Britain's finest cinematic export.

A global box office of over $1 billion later, and *Skyfall* went from being another Bond film to a phenomenon in its own right.

With star Daniel Craig and director Sam Mendes returning, Bond's latest outing, *Spectre*, comes with the weight of expectation as the events of *Skyfall* are further explored. A cryptic message from the past leads Craig's Bond to Mexico City and Rome.

When he infiltrates a secret meeting, 007 uncovers the existence of the sinister organisation Spectre, and along with Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), he discovers a connection between himself and Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz), the man he seeks...

It's clear from *Spectre's* opening, a bravura tracking shot set amidst Mexico's Day of the Dead celebrations, that Sam Mendes and company aren't resting on any laurels.

If that film set the bar for Bond openings, then *Spectre* raises it, a wonderful set-piece that sets the tone for what follows in a film that acts as both a round-up of the Craig-era adventures of 007 and a wonderful entry in the overall canon.

The tone of the Daniel Craig's era as Bond has been realism, grounding the character emotionally and delivering stories that reflect the society we live in today. With *Spectre's* plot of a global terrorist group working amongst us, and with a sub-plot surrounding surveillance and the necessity (or lack of) in basing decisions on computer, rather than human, judgement, the film is certainly steeped in realism.

Yet there is also a lightness of touch present, a dash of Roger Moore to add to the Sean Connery stoicism we've seen so far.

For Bond aficionados there are plenty of callbacks to previous entries to the series, and it's a pleasure to see the film, having used previous outings to retool the character, embrace what has gone before, whether it's a train-set fight that nods to *From Russia With Love*, to little subtle throwbacks to all eras.

However, this isn't just a film content to riff on past glories. Mendes' direction is superb, stylish and cool with a keen eye for an action sequence, while Craig's Bond seems to be allowing a little more light into his personality, whether it's his relationship with Q (the excellent Ben Whishaw) or in the few well-timed quips he's afforded.

That said, he does action and seriousness superbly well, and if this is his last outing as 007 (which is unlikely), then he is certainly leaving the series having established himself as being up there with the best.

Dave Bautista's henchman is all physicality, little personality, while Lea Seydoux may be a Bond girl with a bit more substance, but her character feels more like a plot device than an actual character, despite the actress doing her best with flimsy characterisation.

Ralph Fiennes enjoys his first outing at M, butting heads with the sly Denbigh (Andrew Scott) over the aforementioned subplot of the human touch versus the judgement of technology, while Christoph Waltz relishes the chance to attack a Bond villain with great gusto.

It seems Waltz was born to be a Bond villain, but his performance has a pleasing feel to it, the actor delivering a little personality behind the megalomaniac cliché.

While the plot is engaging, it does feel like it runs out of legs towards the end, as plot contrivance takes over, while the whole angle of Bond having a relationship with Oberhauser is strangely written and predictable, especially given the final reveal which, should you have read any rumours about the film, won't be all that earth-shattering, but does place the final piece in re-establishing Bond conventions since *Casino Royale*.

With a sense of finality about the conclusion (although the credits affirm that, as expected, 'James Bond will return...') and the tropes of Bond lore now fully coalesced, it will be exciting to see what is next for 007. In the meantime, however, you'll be more than entertained by *Spectre*, a sparkling, if slightly flawed, adventure for Bond.

VERDICT: Classic Bond retooled for the 21st century, *Spectre* is wonderfully entertaining and satisfying entry in the James Bond series. Craig, Waltz and Fiennes are superb, the film looks absolutely beautiful and delivers on spectacle, and even if there are a few flaws, it's still a superb effort. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Skyfall* (2012), *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015).

Remembrance concert to remember!

ON Saturday, November 7 All Saints' Church, Barry is the venue for a special choral concert to commemorate VE, VJ Day and the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

On their third visit to All Saints', Amici will be performing a mixed programme including the Fauré Requiem.

This small, perfectly formed choral group has gathered a loyal following over the last three years at All Saints' with a number of the group performing for the Queen earlier this year.

For this special concert Amici will be joined by James Bull, the new resident organist of All Saints' Church.

The concert commences at 6.30pm with doors opening at 6pm.

Tickets can be purchased on the door and are £8 adults and £2 for children. Refreshments and raffle will be available during the interval.

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Carols at the Castle

Tŷ Hafan is bringing some festive sparkle to Cardiff Castle for its Christmas carol concert on Thursday, November 26.

Starting at 6pm, the public can enjoy an evening of traditional carols and contemporary choirs at one of the most well-known landmarks in Wales.

Visitors can feast on a selection of festive treats in a Dickensian market and indulge in some Christmas shopping at local craft stalls selling handmade gifts and cards for family and friends.

The evening will finish with a stunning firework display in the unique castle setting in the heart of the city centre.

Lauren Sadler, Tŷ Hafan's marketing and events coordinator, said: "Carols at the Castle will be a fantastic way to get into the festive spirit while raising funds to support life-limited children and their families from across Wales."

The concert has been kindly supported by Arriva Trains Wales.

Doors will open at 6pm and the first performance will start at 6.30pm. A limited number of tickets are available and are £10 for adults, £5 for children, and can be purchased online at www. tyhafan.org/carols-at-the-castle or in selected Tŷ Hafan shops.

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Snap up a prize!

'Who said I'm too old?' by Meirwen Jones from Caerphilly.

AGE CYMRU is asking amateur photographers to capture and complete the theme 'it's good to grow older because...' with the chance of winning £100 in high street vouchers.

"Grab that camera or phone and send us a picture you've taken capturing why you believe it's good to grow older in Wales," said Sarah Price, Age Cymru's engagement support coordinator.

"Our 'age positive' message celebrates the contribution older people have made and continue to make to our communities. There's a separate category for under-16s."

'Who said I'm too old?' by Meirwen Jones and 'Family Traditions' by Joel Dixon were last year's winning entries.

Could you be the next Age Cymru photography competition winner? Submit your 'age positive' images by midnight on Friday, November 6.

To enter simply visit www.agecymru.org.uk/agepositive to download an entry form or email agepositive@agecymru.org.uk or call 029 2043 1555.

WHAT'S ON, WHERE AND WHEN IN YOUR AREA?

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, November 1 at 2.30pm, 'Groynes and Gannets', starting at the car park opposite the Blue Anchor pub.

On Tuesday, November 3 at 10am, Crwydro, Ynys Y Barri, Coffee Cove Cafe. Also on November 3 at 2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major outside the town hall.

On Wednesday, November 4, at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Saturday, November 7 at 10am, 'In and around Cosmeston', starting outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on November 7 at 10.30am, Marcroes 6.5 miles, starting at Llanilltyd Fawr, maes parcio traeth.

On Sunday, November 8 at 11am, 'Walk and click', starting at the main beach car park, Ogmore By Sea (fee payable).

On Monday, November 9 at 11am, 'Promenade and Parks' starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

On Wednesday, November 11 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

On Thursday, November 12 at 10.30am, 'Through the Valley', starting at Ogmore's Portabello car park GR 875765.

On Sunday, November 15 at 1pm, 'Around the Bay, 5-6 miles' starting at Cardiff Barrage car park (fee payable).

On Tuesday, November 17 at 2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at Llanwit Major outside the town hall.

Also on November 17 at 10am, Crwydro, Y Bontfaen, Llyfrgell.

The coffee shop strollers also meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 10.30am at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Sunday, November 22 at 10.30am, 'Rediscover Ramble', starting at the natural burial ground, A48 west of Culverhouse Cross.

On Wednesday, November 25 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

On Thursday, November 26 at 10am, 'To the duck pond', starting at the Sycamore Tree pub, Colwinston.

On Sunday, November 29 at 2pm, 'Walking the parks' starting at Penarth cliff top car park.

Railway Society

BARRY and Penarth Railway Society will hold a lecture on Thursday, October 29 at the Conservative Club, Penarth.

The subject is, 'On the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe – Rambles in Western USA in the 1980s and 1990s', at 7.30pm. Small donation required on the door, all welcome.

Ira Sankey, the man and his songs

HOREB Chapel at Dinam Close, Nantymoel CF32 7PU invites you to come and learn about the life of Ira D Sankey, gospel singer and composer (1840 – 1908) on Thursday, October 29 at 6pm.

For further information call Pastor Chris Bluto on 01443 675424 or chris_bluto@yahoo.co.uk.

Rhoose and District History Society

A TALK on the St Fagan's archive collection, given by Lowri Jenkins, will take place on Friday, October 30, at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets on the door: £1 adult, 50p child (under 16).

CAMRA beer festival

THE weekend of October 31 at Barry West End Club sees the CAMRA autumn beer festival, with selected beers £2. Free music on Sunday with salsa band Entaya, starting 4.30pm.

For more information call 07471 195218.

Free tax advice

CITIZENS Advice Bureau, Bridgend, will hold a free tax advice session on November 13 and at Pencoed Library on December 2.

TaxHelp for Older People (TOP) advice is also available at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Lalntwit Major CF61 1RB on November 2 from 10am to midday.

For TOP's helpline, call 0845 601 3321, or 01308 488066. Home visits can also be arranged via this helpline for people unable to attend.

Evening of Mediumship

BARRY National Spiritualist Church and Centre at Buttrills Road, Barry CF62 8EF presents an evening of Mediumship with Leah Bond on Monday, November 2 at 7pm. £5 on the door.

Advice from Care and Repair

GIVING advice at the Senior Health Shop, Barry will be Care and Repair in The Vale, which can help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes and give advice on grants available; they will also advise on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding the information session on Tuesday, November 3 at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am – 12 midday. No appointment needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Equity release

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale is holding an equity release advice session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, November 3 (10am-12pm). Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture, *Roman Catholics in South Wales in An Age of Persecution, 1603-1689*, by Dr Robert Matthews, will take place on November 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of Cowbridge Town Hall. All are welcome.

Shadows Club

ON November 10 at 8pm, the South Wales Shadows Club meets at the Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth (02920 309979); all welcome.

Steel Magnolias in Dinas Powys

THE Dinas Powys Players' next show is *Steel Magnolias* under the direction of Eileen Carryer at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on November 12 – 14.

For tickets telephone 02920 512868 or 02921 406168.

Religious exhibition

THE Church of the Blessed Virgin, Holton Road, Barry presents 'Brian Power – Stations of the Cross', in memory of Richard Power, upon whose designs they are based.

Saturday, November 14, 1.30pm–5pm and Sunday, November 15 12 noon–4pm; Tuesday, November 17 10.30am–3pm.

Profits to be shared equally between the parishes of Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry, Sudbourne with Orford and the Thomas Marshal Memorial Fund.

Autumn lunch for charity

ON Saturday, November 21 at 12.30pm, an autumn lunch takes place at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, to support Cancer Research UK.

Tickets (£8) from Diane Jones on 01656 784762, Winn Roberts on 01656 782880 or Sue Sharp on 01656 773670.

White Lady guards pot full of gold

Review by Brian Lee

RICHARD HOLLAND'S *South Wales Ghost Stories*, published by Bradwell Books at £3.99, has chapters on Haunted Castles, Mysterious Monuments, Haunted Hostelries and much more besides.

Featured in the first catergory are Ogmore (Castell Ogwr) and St Donat's, and this little pocket book would make an ideal Hallowe'en present – if there is such a thing.

Ogmore Castle is haunted by the White Lady who guards "a pot full of gold coins concealed beneath the floor of one of the castle's towers," while St Donat's is home to the ghost of Lady Stradling and a few other bizarre spooks, including Matilda of the Night, who once arrogantly proclaimed: "If I cannot hunt in heaven, I would rather not go there."

A traitorous pirate who was murdered by his own crew is said to haunt the beach below the castle walls.

He was buried up to his neck and left struggling vainly as the tide came in.

As for Cardiff Castle, that is haunted by the second Marquess of Bute, who died suddenly in 1848 after a dinner party. The ghost of a young woman in a long trailing gown has also been seen, but we are told that her identity is a mystery!

The author has researched and written about British ghosts and folklore, and the wider field of the supernatural for more than 20 years.

He has also lectured and broadcast widely on these subjects, appearing as a guest contributor to many TV and radio programmes.

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'SUGAR TAX PLAN IS HAREBRAINED' – SAYS REGIONAL AM

WITH the news that celebrity chef Jamie Oliver is ready 'for a fight' with the UK government over reports that plans for a 'Sugar Tax' have been shelved, Welsh Conservative AM for South West Wales Dr Altaf Hussain has described calls to introduce the tax – led in Wales by Plaid Cymru – as "hare-brained".

The doctor-turned-politician has also expressed concerns that the tax may impact disproportionately upon some of the most vulnerable families, and describes it as a "regressive tax".

While on a tour of facilities at 'Y Bont' Family Centre in Bridgend – which caters for the needs of children with disabilities and their families – the regional AM was impressed by visual displays teaching children about healthy diets from a very young age, and says that this approach should be adopted in all venues where children and parents come to play and learn.

Dr Hussain said: "It boils down to education. It is about ensuring our youngsters pick up good habits from an early age, and are exposed as much as possible to the concept of a healthy and balanced diet.

"This will lead to a reduction in overall demand for sugary snacks and drinks, meaning less get produced as the market for these products shrinks and eating habits change.

"In fact, the overall amount of sugar we consume as a nation has been falling for a while.

"Attempting to coerce people's diets through a regressive tax could hit the least well-off the hardest.

"It may not in fact change peoples' behaviour when it comes to buying fizzy drinks and sweets.

"Moreover, the effect could be that some groups continue to buy these products and then compensate by buying cheaper, poorer-quality products in other areas of their diet.

"This could lead to an increased consumption of fast foods and ready meals, which may be perceived as more affordable. As such, there could be further implications for public health not fully considered by those who would advocate a 'sugar tax'.

"This really is a hare-brained idea and seems to be more about the public profile of Mr Oliver than about changing our dietary habits for the long-term. This is best achieved through education and awareness."

372 (Barry) Squadron learn archery skills

THE Air Cadets of 372 (Barry) Squadron are looking forward to taking part in target archery after being awarded £1,150 from the Sports Wales community grant scheme.

Target archery is the most popular form of archery, in which members shoot at stationary circular targets at varying distances and is practiced indoor and outdoor. The grant has paid for equipment to improve the number of archery opportunities, as well as to pay for two members of staff to become qualified archery instructors.

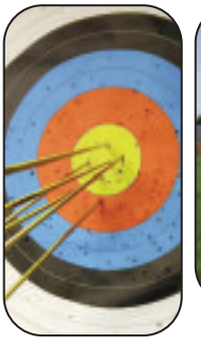
So far the cadets have enthusiastically taken to the sport, learning the basics in a short space of time. Because of the large safety zone required, the cadets have been supported by *HMS Cambria*, who have allowed the cadets to use their indoor and outdoor facilities.

Cadet Harriet McCarthy said: "Archery is so cool, I really enjoyed myself. I wasn't sure if I could hit the target but with a little practice I was fine. I can't wait to have another go".

Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton said: "This grant brings another great activity for the cadets to experience and more variety to our sports programme. I am always keen for the cadets to improve their fitness and increased participation in sport".

The Air Cadets also undertake many exciting activities, challenges and opportunities which include flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, visits and field craft training.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org for more information.



Mo Hughes' target.

Sean Hodges takes aim.

Tash Gill.

Clothes sale for Age Concern

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale is holding a clothes sale at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Saturday, November 7 with free admission, from 10am to 12 midday.

There will a wide range of new and nearly new men's, ladies and children's clothing at very reasonable prices. Refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle.

All proceeds of the clothes sale will be for Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Barry.

Donations are welcome and can be given in to the shop. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

YMCA's Rugby World Cup raffle

OUR Rugby World Cup raffle at the YMCA charity store in Broad Street will be drawn on November 2, at 1pm at the store.

There will be light refreshments and the staff would love to meet and see all our customers new and old, and invite them to attend this successful event.

The prize is a line and wash painting of the Millennium Stadium, by local professional artist Frank Collict.

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Christmas Party Guide

Whatever the reason – the Christmas party season is all about fun

THERE are so many reasons for dining out at Christmas – and every one offers a great chance to improve your sense of wellbeing by relaxing in good company as the festive season gets well and truly into its stride.

The occasion might be an office party, or a family get-together, perhaps a Christmas event for a voluntary group or charity – or it might simply be a chance for good friends to go out and talk about the past year, and about their hopes for the future.

The choice doesn't stop at the type of group who are getting together. Where you go, what you do and which style of food you opt for extends the options still further.

Readers who live within The GEM's circulation area have so much choice that the only difficulty is deciding how to choose where to go.

The explosion of cuisine from all around the world has transformed dining in the area, and it sometimes seems as if the only nationalities unrepresented are Eskimo and Outer Mongolia!

It needn't just be food of course. There are plenty of other factors to take into account as well.

Heading for a town or city where there are other attractions to extend the evening is always popular. The choice includes live entertainment, clubbing, 10-pin bowling, a trip to a show or a film, or simply finding a great place to eat that encourages its clientele to stay on and relax after their meal.

But equally, the chance to head for a country pub and enjoy a fun evening where group members don't wander off in different directions is another very popular idea.

There was a time when rural pubs were simply not set up for seasonal dining. Rooms tended to be small and pokey (oops, I meant to say 'intimate') but times have changed and now they know what their market wants and needs, and they make sure that they can supply.

Popular venues have added extensions, created larger rooms, perhaps even a semi-permanent marquee that makes them much more flexible.

Offering that little bit extra is important these days, and many country pubs, for instance, can arrange transport for a visiting party, so that the hassle of choosing designated drivers is removed from the equation.

It is very much a case these days of 'power to the party people'. The days when fuddy duddy establishments dictated what diners could do are long gone.

Of course, this vast increase of options means that the poor person saddled with the task of organiser can end up tearing his or her hair out trying to get a consensus, but once a decision has been made, that is the time for everyone to focus on the most positive aspect of any seasonal get-together – the chance to enjoy the company of friends and take a break from the everyday hassles of life.

It's become a joke these days that many people pour themselves a glass of wine at the end of a stressful day.

As with many jokes, there's more than a kernel of truth in it, and that is what makes festive outings so special.

It might just turn out to be more than one glass of wine, but you get that unquantifiable extra of friendship as well!

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WELLY WALK AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON October 22, St Athan Primary School foundation phase pupils took part in a sponsored Welly Walk to highlight cerebral palsy awareness month.

The money raised will be sent to Bobath Children's Centre's therapy unit in Cardiff, which provides specialist care for children in Wales with cerebral palsy. They provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy.

Cutting Edge group commemorates First World War soldiers

Isobelle Davis.

EARLY in 2015 the Cutting Edge Textile Group, which meets in Ystradowen, Cowbridge were issued with a challenge to make a quilt to commemorate the First World War.

A spokeswoman said: "As expected many rose to the challenge and in October the completed quilts were revealed. And, we were not disappointed – they are stunning, and a fitting tribute to those who fought and lost their lives. The quilts can be viewed at *tinyurl.com/ww-quilts*.

"However, you will be able to see the quilts between November 3 and 15 when they will be displayed in various shop windows on Cowbridge High Street.

"The shops who have generously given their support and will be displaying our quilts include: The Barbers Cowbridge; Beauty Within; Costa Coffee; David Barnes Dry Cleaners and Ty Hafan Emporium.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank them. We couldn't have shared our work with such a wide audience without them!

"We would also like to thank the Cutting Edge members who took part to help make this display so memorable."

We hope that you enjoy viewing the quilts. We would welcome your feedback – you can do this by Googling Cutting Edge Textile Group and leaving a comment on our blog.

MONICA DENNIS

Keris Howard.

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Local school could win new football kit at the Co-op

A COWBRIDGE primary school could win a new set of football kits from The Co-operative food store.

Launching on Saturday, October 31, customers of the store in Cowbridge, will be given a token each time they buy something, giving them an opportunity to vote for one of three local primary schools; Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Y Bont Faen and Llanfair Primary School.

The initiative runs until the close of business on Sunday, November 8, and the school with the most votes will score a full set of football kits, 15 navy blue strips, one goalkeeper kit, and a kit bag.

The two runners-up will each receive some Co-op vouchers to put towards a raffle prize or Christmas party treat.

For further information, pop in to the Co-operative food store in High Street, Cowbridge.

WI learn about chalk painting

THIS month's Bont Faen WI meeting was a demonstration of chalk painting by No 39, the new shop on the High Street.

Sarah Legg showed us how easy and quick it was to cover old and shabby wood. While she was painting, Maggie Cooper described the process and showed us samples of fabric printing with a roller which could just as easily be applied to a wall, especially uneven walls in older properties.

Sarah painted an old occasional table that had a leather top and a slat of wood for coat hooks. The first old and varnished, the second untreated wood. The painting was the same.

Sarah then showed us how to buff it with polish. Members were impressed at how easy it all looked. We just needed the confidence!

We then went on to the business. We have a busy month ahead. November 5 is a trip to the bay for tenpin bowling.

We have a craft night upstairs in the Duke of Wellington on the 11th, when we will be making the decorations for this year's Christmas tree. Finally we are going to Bath on the 28th for the Christmas market.

Two of our members went on the federation walking weekend to Lulworth and Diana Bluck gave a glowing account of the whole thing.

We welcomed some new faces and have five new members. Next month David Jenkins will be giving a talk on this year as High Sheriff on Thursday, November 19 at the Lesser Hall at 8pm.

MP

ADMIRAL NELSON – Flawed in love, a genius in war

AN enforced change of speaker resulted in U3A Cowbridge members being entertained by Dr Malcolm Puntis, who gave a comprehensive account of the life and loves of Admiral Nelson.

The future hero was born in 1758, one of 11 children, and christened Horace (he changed his name to Horatio around 1777 – this is when it is first used in official documentation).

His father and grandfather were clergymen, as was a brother, but he, despite being a weakly youth, was sent to sea, where he promptly suffered from seasickness.

Dr Puntis charted Nelson's early naval career, where his rise from midshipman to Post Captain over eight years was punctuated by bouts of serious illness, probably recurring malaria, which was contracted in the East Indies.

There were romantic interludes with several ladies, including 16-year-old Mary Simpson, with whom Nelson was said to be infatuated, but it was to the widow Frances (Fanny) Nisbet that he was married in 1787. Prince William Henry gave the bride away and signed as a witness.

The French Revolution was soon followed by war between France and Great Britain, which gave Nelson the opportunity to shine as a man of action.

He lost the sight of his right eye at the siege of Calvi when stones and grit were thrown into it as a cannon ball struck a nearby rock.

Contrary to popular belief, Nelson never wore a patch over the eye; there was no obvious damage to it, apart from pupil dilation. The Battle of St Vincent (1797) enhanced his reputation, but later that year he was shot in the arm at Santa Cruz, which resulted in an amputation above the elbow.

A further injury was sustained in 1798 at the Battle of the Nile, when a blow to his head caused a laceration which bled profusely. A flap of skin fell over his left eye, making Nelson think he had been blinded.

After his victory on the Nile, the Admiral went to Naples to recuperate. It was there that he met Emma Hamilton, wife of Sir William, the British Ambassador to Naples. They soon fell in love and their affair seems to have been tolerated, and perhaps even encouraged, by the elderly Sir William, whose own health was now failing and who longed for retirement.

Hamilton showed nothing but admiration and respect for Nelson, and vice versa. Emma Hamilton and Horatio Nelson admired each other to the point of adulation.

Nelson accompanied the Hamiltons on an overland trip back to Great Britain.

A daughter, Horatia, born in 1801, was conceived on the journey. Later in the same year, at the Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson famously, when ordered by signal flags to discontinue the action, lifted his telescope up to his blind eye and said: "I really do not see the signal".

Nelson left his wife and purchased a house called Merton Place. There he lived openly with Emma and Sir William in a ménage à trois that fascinated the public.

Sir William died in 1803. Nelson continued to live in the house with Emma and Horatia, until he left in September 1805 for Portsmouth, whence he departed for victory and death in the Battle of Trafalgar.

The story of the romance of Horatio Nelson and Emma Hamilton lives on, two people described by contemporaries as a man whose "general appearance was that of an idiot, until he spoke," and "the fattest woman I've ever laid eyes on".

Next Meeting: a talk entitled: 'Sydney Opera House", by Prof Richard Weston, at 2pm on Wednesday, November 11 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

SPM

Women war artists are focus of talk

ON Thursday, November 5, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Rosemary Chanoller who will give an illustrated presentation on 'Women War Artists – from World War One to the Falklands conflict.'

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm– 9 pm, and visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Abigail's a real sharp-shooter

Abigail with her medals.

THERE'S a touch of Annie Oakley about 11-year-old Abigail Wilson-Wood – after all, she proved to be a real sharp-shooter the first time she tried the sport.

Abigail, who went to Llanfair Primary School and is now in her first year at Cowbridge Comprehensive, went along with fellow Girl Scouts to a shooting competition open to all scouts in Cardiff and the Vale.

They were tested on pistol shooting and rifle shooting, with around 80 girls taking part.

Abigail took to it like a duck to water and won a gold medal in rifle and a bronze medal in pistol.

Penarth Hockey Club round-up

PENARTH Hockey Club conceded its first points in GoCrea8 league competition this season, but there was no stopping the first XI, who rolled into top spot with another crushing victory.

PENARTH 11, CIRENCESTER 0

After back-to-back top of the table clashes, Penarth returned home to face a Cirencester side languishing towards the wrong end of the De Cymru & The Marches 1 table.

A last-minute withdrawal by Laith El-Khatib meant a slight change in formation. Captain Tom Haran moved from defence into a holding midfield role, freeing Croxall to play a more attacking game, and it was a fruitful decision from the start as the player-coach proved to be an early protagonist, displaying his attacking skills as he tormented the away defence.

Unsurprisingly, it was not long before Croxall got the scoring underway, picking the ball up on the left, before cutting inside to beat the defence and striking the ball high into the net as the Cirencester keeper got his angles all wrong.

Penarth continued to dominate as they set up camp in Cirencester's half. After a string of saves, the visitors' goal was breached for a second time as Croxall again fired high into the net, this time on his trusted reverse side.

Although Penarth led 2-0 at the break, in all honesty they should have been well out of sight with the amount of chances created. They started the second half in scintillating form, with Rhys Evans immediately grabbing the third goal after some tidy work by Chris Baker that left the keeper in no man's land.

Just as predicted, Cirencester's spirit broke, and a further three quick-fire goals followed as Penarth blew away the visitors in a second half blitz.

Penarth knew it was their day when Haran managed to get his name on the scoresheet, converting the home side's first penalty corner of the game with a straight strike from the top of the 'D' that even broke the ball!

Penarth were relentless to the last, with Jonny Moore getting on the end of a goal-line scramble as the final whistle blew to end the game 11-0 in the home side's favour.

WHITCHURCH 'E' 2, PENARTH 'A' 5

Despite their respective positions in De Cymru 2, Penarth knew they were in for a hard game.

Midway through the first half, and against the run of play, an aerial from captain Matthew Birch cleared both the midfield and defence before finding Chris Mccarthy in the opposition 'D'. A quick one-two with James Kidby returned the ball to McCarthy, and he finally broke the deadlock, slotting home as the goalkeeper rushed out.

The goal didn't dampen Whitchurch spirits, however, and the home side continued to keep possession. A mazy run from Jones eventually created Penarth's second goal, the half-back drifting past two Whitchurch players before finding Dave Watkins, who crashed the ball into the left corner.

To their credit, Whitchurch kept attacking and, after winning a number of penalty corners, finally made their pressure pay with a well-worked routine to make it 2-1. The Bears were to make it 3-1 not long after the interval when Kidby got his reward for an afternoon of hard work as a 50-yard pass from centre back Jamie Davidson found Birch in the top left corner, and a short reverse pass allowed Kidby to round the keeper and slot the ball home.

Even this didn't kill Whitchurch off, however, as the home side were to score next, making it 3-2. With 25 minutes to go, Penarth finally took control of the game and started creating chances from almost every attack.

With Birch now having the freedom of the pitch and Richard Bromiley orchestrating from the stands, a move which began at the back and passed through the entire team ended with Watkins beating two defenders and the keeper to finally sink a determined Whitchurch side.

Penarth put the game beyond doubt soon after as McCarthy netting his second on another break, cutting in from the right and linking up with Kidby for another one-two before firing into the far corner.

PENARTH 'B' 0, SWANSEA CITY 'C' 6

Due to unavailability, an injury to the influential Dave Thomas and the last-minute withdrawal of the previous week's man-of-the-match, Morgan Salisbury - again due to injury - Penarth's third XI began their game against Swansea C with the bare 11 players.

To make matters worse, James Kerr-Smith was injured early in the game, reducing the home side to 10 plus one walking wounded, and it was perhaps unsurprising that the hosts found themselves 4-0 down at half-time.

Although they rallied in the second half, spurred on by the combative Rob Harrison and Ian Smith, the Vale side eventually ended up on the wrong end of a 6-0 scoreline against a better team stocked with a combination of experienced veterans and talented youngsters.

This weekend sees both first and second XIs facing opposition from Llanishen & Caerphilly, with the senior side travelling to take on the rivals while the Seconds return to Stanwell school looking to cement top spot in their division as they entertain the opposition's 'B' side. The third XI, meanwhile, has an early start at the dangerous Gwent 'B' in an important middle-of-the-table clash in De Cymru 3.

Penarth Hockey Club's training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm-7.15pm and the seniors between 7.15pm-8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Barry & District leagues and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 9, West End Runaways 6; Moors Boys 6, Rhoose Social 9; Wyndham Cons 5, Cadoxton Cons 10.

League table: West End 51, Wyndham Cons 48, West End Runaways 47, Cadoxton Cons 46, Rhoose Social 45, Liberals 44, Moors Boys 34.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social A 5, Rhoosters 2; LiberalsA 5.5, Slammers 1.5; Barries Boys 6, Allsorts 1; Cambrian Flyers 0, Liberals C 7; West End D 3, SeaView B 4; Rhoose Social C 1, King William XII 6; West End C 4, Rhoose Social B 3.

League table: Sea View B 35, Rugby Club 27, King William XII 20.5, Rhoose Social B 20.5, Slammers 19, West End C 19, Liberals A 18, West End D 18, Rhoose Social A 18, Barries Boys 17, Allsorts 16, Liberals C 14, Rhoosters 13, Cambrian Flyers 11, Rhoose Social C 7.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons Z 2; Wyndham Cons A 3, Rhoose Social C 2; Savoy A 4, West End C 1; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoose Social B 0; CaddyAllstars 0, Harbour B 5.

League table: Harbour B 28, Savoy A 23, Cadoxton Cons B 17, Wyndham Cons A 16, West End C 15, Rhoose Social C 15, Caddy Allstars 13, Market Street C 12, Rhoose Social B 12 Penarth Cons B 10, *Cadoxton Cons Z 10.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 1, Savoy B 4; Services Social B 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End B 3; Market Street B 3, Sully Sports A 2; West End A 0, Liberators 5.

League table: Liberators 28, Savoy B 18, Market Street B 17, Penarth Cons A 17, Services Social B 16, Cadoxton Cons A 16, Wyndham Cons C 14, West End B 13, Sully Sports A 11, West End A 10, Wyndham Cons D 10 (* = points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk or on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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THE BARRY & DISTRICT MENS SKITTLE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1:

BP Breakaways (B.Parkman 28) 255, 49'ers. (D.Lane 33) 262; Bunker Boys (R.Bennett 28) 274, Geest (M.Gill,P.Hunt,L.Galsworthy 26) 262; Ex-Servicemen (D.Kuhnell 28) 258, Cavaliers (R.Lewis 25) 256; Geest (S.R.Jones 28) 249, BP Breakaways (P.Gardner 26) 260; The Merrymen (A.Pearce 36) 329, Geest (S.R.Jones 30) 307.

Division 2:

Abercrete (R.Miller 34) 305, Exiles (K.Tudor 28) 270; Park Lads (I.Mason 32) 273, 'H' Bells (T.Mullins, B.Webb 27) 259; The Royalists (L.Sheppard 29) Tynewydd Lads (D.Kerslake 29) 282; Tynewydd Lads (S.Germon 30) 272, Tynny Fliers (G.Hobbs 29) 292; Willie Wombles (J.Norris 29) 295, Park Rangers (G.Owen 33) 287; Witchill Poachers (S.Rogers 45) 340, Cannon Balls (I.Forsyth 35) 367.

Division 3:

British Rail (K.Brown 27) 255, Up The Mariner (M.Perrott, C.Goule 28) 263; Mariner Vikings (S.Grant 27) 242, West End Fliers (A.Bartolo 27) 274; The Rejects (G.Richards 30) 303, Castle Boys (A.Langhead 33) 301; Up The Mariner (M.Perrott, M.Wiltshire 24) 247, Glenbrook Rangers (J.McGhan 25) 210.

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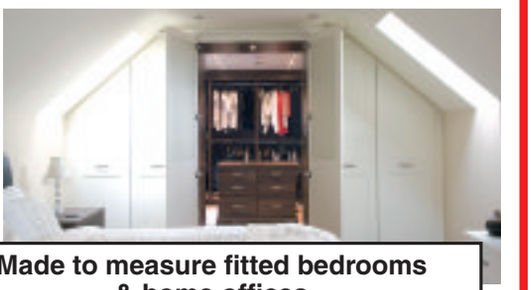

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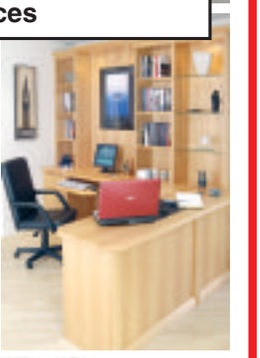

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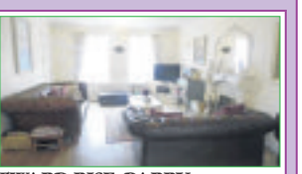

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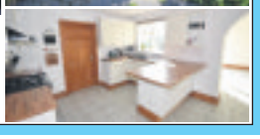

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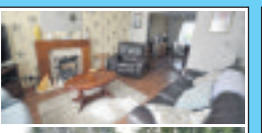

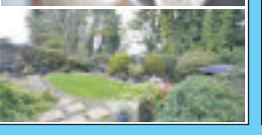

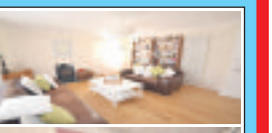

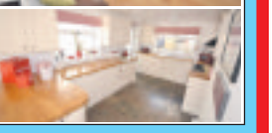

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Comfortable win for Dinas Powys RFC

THE 'Villagers' of Dinas Powys gained a comfortable away win at Pontyclun, outscoring their hosts by five tries to two and thereby gaining maximum league points.

The 'Villagers' dominated possession and territory, but a brave and plucky home side defended with great commitment, forcing the visitors to squander several try scoring opportunities.

The first quarter of the contest was an uninspiring affair during which the visitors opened the scoring with a penalty to which the home side soon responded with a penalty of their own.

The first try was scored by the visitors following a crunching tackle by outside half Gafyn Cooper on his bulky opposite number, dislodging the ball from his grasp; the ball was gathered by the visitors and an exquisite pass by centre Ciaran Driscoll freed right wing Rhys Evans to cross for the first of his two tries.

The conversion by centre John Morris was successful and the 'Villagers' lead was extended to seven points.

The substantial injury list presently endured by the 'Villagers' was further added to as Cooper was forced to leave the contest following his muscular tackle with a torn hamstring.

The Dinas side are encouraged by coaches John Dunleavy and Luke Gibson to play expansive rugby and to play with belief and confidence, and their second try started from the base of a scrum deep in their own half.

A series of clever fly hacks by Driscoll and left wing Dan Evans presented the chance for scrum half Nathan Williams to cross for a try from the back of a powerful maul.

The final action of the first half saw Pontyclun score a try as a rolling maul of their own rumbled over the 'Villagers' tryline, which meant that Dinas Powys led their hosts 8-15 at half-time.

The plan outlined by the coaches for the second half was firstly to gain the victory and to obtain the bonus point for scoring four tries.

With this in mind the visitors seemed to raise the tempo and moved the ball smoothly from side to side.

Powerful counter rucking regained possession and a surging burst by captain Huw Thomas allowed Morris, now at fly half, to free full back Sam Middlemiss to round off a fine team try.

The Villagers were rampant, flankers Lewis Dunleavy and Ryan Shallish were foraging and winning superb turnover ball for their appreciative threequarters, and on the hour mark superb centre Ciaran Driscoll crossed unopposed for the crucial fourth try.

The men from Dinas led by 8-27 but this lead was soon reduced as a proud home side saw their right wing Sam Davies cross for their second try of the afternoon.

The Dinas pack was now totally dominant at the lineout where Lewis Dunleavy was again dominant and at the scrum, and following a powerful scrum where the Dinas pack pushed the home side off their own ball, a break by Morris allowed the supporting Rhys Evans to score the final try of the afternoon, converted by Morris.

A break next week for the World Cup final means that the Villagers return to action on November 7 away from home at high-flying Dowlais.

HJ

League and club's chess championship in full swing

THIS week, we had two league matches and also the second round of the Barry Chess Club championship.

It was a bad day on Monday when the Bosons lost their 100 per cent record and the Gambits fell to a heavy defeat away to the St John's College Leptons.

The Bosons put out their weakest team of the season so far. With a couple of their stronger players unavailable they ran the current league leaders, Caerphilly Kings, to a tight game.

Sam Jukes turned down an offer of a draw. If he had accepted the offer then as it turned out we would have shared the spoils.

The Bosons are in second place in the league table only a couple of points behind the Kings but the Cardiff Castles are looming ominously close after two consecutive big wins.

For the Gambits Jason Grice was the only player to return unscathed. A 4 -1 defeat would not have been anticipated before they reached the College, but when they saw the quality of the opposition perhaps this result was not unexpected.

The defeat leaves the Gambits hovering above the bottom place.

The club championship was the high point of the week. With the introduction of both Huw and Merlin Davies the entries have risen to 26. This is more than the total club membership in any previous year.

The results for the most part were as anticipated with the higher rated players picking up the points in most of the matches.

The two exceptions both ended in draws. Ken Curry in the bowl halved his match against open player Chris Green.

In a rematch from the Bosons verses Camelots game played at the end of September, Dave Parsons drew with Martin Ricketts.

Dave was an exchange up and threatening to win but could not find that final piece of the jigsaw to earn the victory.

With time running out Dave made the fatal mistake allowing Martin to conjure up another unexpected draw.

There are now only three players - Matthew Davies, Ashley Davis and Ken Hannah, with a 100 per cent record.

In the plate competition only a half point separates all eight of the protagonists. The next round should be particularly interesting but due to the unavailability of the venue will probably not take place until January 28.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

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For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Barry and District ladies skittle league

LATEST results for October 12 are:

First division: Cigar Ladies (K Richards 37) 316, SV Gals (T Warner 35) 326; Coppers (H Ford 32) 324, Space Finders (L Jones 34) 330; Castle Bandits (M Cooper) 252, Bobby's Girls (R Llewelyn, J McDonald 24) 239; Family and Friends (J Kirby 24) 239, Colcot Ladies (K Tayler, A Singleton 27) 246; Family Affair (S Wilson 29) 249, Breakaways (L Burnett, Z Kenny 26) 235; Barry Stars (W Phillips 34) 320, Allsorts (C Griffiths, R Dawe, C Brewer 32) 317.

Second division: Rhoose Starlights (L Fields 31) 276, Pila Palas (D O'Sullivan 30) 274; Vixens (M Marks 31) 226, Castaways (H Winder 31) 296; After Eights (E Carmichael 33) 295, Rhoose Ravers (I Birkenhead 31) 224; Witchill Weebies (S Edwards 22) 212, Merry Makers (M Payne, K Lewis 23) 224.

Third division: Fallen Angels (C Jones 24) 217, Rugby Triers (J Davies 29) 227; La Belles (J Cordy 37) 304, Hill Billies (G Moorecraft 31) 319; Westenders (C Gee 27) 238, Persuaders (K Phillips, E Gardner 23) 209; Friends and Neighbours (E Western 26) 236, Etcetera (J Barton 25) 229; Roller Coasters (G Giles 24) 221, Airways Angels (L Thomas 27) 229; Dolly Mixtures (T Rowsell 22) 234, Divas (W Draisey, G Davies, C Jenkins 22) 224, Twilights (C Brown 25) 215, SV Ladies (C Griffiths 27) 199.

Fourth division: Guardian Angels (D Ling 26) 229, Liberals (S Andrews 18) 103; Challengers (J Dimond 32) 298, Off The Rails (I Rosser 38) 325; Witchill Wanderers (V Kerslake 33) 303, Uptown Girls, 321; Odd Bods (T Parry, M Enticott, K Dutton 27) 266, Socialites (D Marks 27) 231; Aristocats (T Weston 26) 213, Living on the Spare (V Mitchell 26) 258; Hell Raisers (M Nugent 27) 243, Witches (P Cookson 29) 22.

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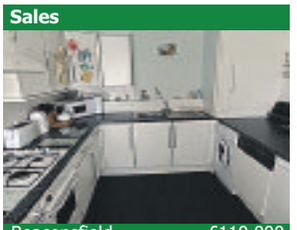

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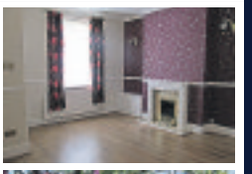

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SINGLETON
Kerry

Ali and family would like to thank everyone who supported them and Kerry through his short illness, before he passed away at home on 2nd October, in the arms of his mum Phyllis, Ali, and Charlotte. Beloved brother of Gwyn, Sharon and Stuart.

They would also like to thank Marie Curie Hospice and the NHS nursing staff at Llandough and Velindre for their support throughout Kerry's illness and all the kind cards, tributes and donations to Kerry.

Ali would also like to thank Jude and Gareth for the beautiful flowers for Kerry. Many thanks to Lyndsay and Nicola Ellis at Vale Funeral Service for their help, support and guidance throughout this difficult time.

Ali would also like to thank all the library staff who gave her so much support, as did her family - Mac, Pat, Carole, Peter and especially her brother John, and Edna who gave Kerry his dignity to the end. For that she is truly grateful.

Ali would also like to thank Lynda who gave her support to Charlotte and Ali; Dawn, one of their closest friends, for reading Ali's poem to Kerry at the service, and to Bev and Dave, along with the boys from the Park Rangers skittle team.

A very big thank you.

JENKINS
Richard Gwyn
(Aged 83 years)

Suddenly passed away on Thursday, October 22 after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife Gaynor and two children Helen and Richard. He worked all his life and never tired of doing, what he was so good at.

'Rest in peace Governor'.

Funeral service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, November 3 at 12 noon, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to J.R. & M.F. David, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major.

DAVIES
Enid Marjorie

Peacefully on October 18 at Milsom House, St. Athan, Enid, aged 93 years, of Rhoose and formerly of Top Tredogan Farm. Beloved wife of the late Albert, dearly loved mother of Marjorie, Gordon, Glyn and David, much loved by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday November 3, service and interment 2pm at Penmark Church.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

EVANS (nee Radcliff)
Anne (Nancy)

Peacefully, on 19th October, aged 94. Formerly of "Newlyn", Aberthin. Married for 66 years to the late Lesley Evans. Dearly loved mother of Christine, Lynda, Howard and Huw. Mother-in-law of Mike, Bill, Poppy and Nicola. Cherished grandmother of James, Rebecca, Ross, Jodie, Elspeth and Hugo. Great grandmother of Carys, Ffion and Francine.

Funeral service on 9th November at 12 noon, at Gwent Crematorium, Cwmbran.

BRITTON
Elvira Brian

Peacefully on October 25th, Elvira, loving wife of Ken, much loved mother of Leona, adored nana Vira to Will and Harry and mother-in-law of Dean.

She will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, November 6th at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Society, Devon House, 58 St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1LB.

MARSH
Leslie

Sqn. Ldr. Leslie Marsh DFM RAF, Knight of Norway, WW2 Bomber Command, RAF Regiment. Husband of Jean and father of Ian and Jacqui, died 13th October 2015.

MORGAN
Nancy Eileen

Peacefully on October 18 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Nancy of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Phil, dearly loved mother of Paul and mother-in-law of Jo.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday November 2, service and interment 2pm at Zoar Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

EVANS
Eryl

Peacefully on October 15, at Holme Tower, Penarth, Eryl of Porth-Y-Castell, Barry, aged 85 years, retired art teacher, Barry Boys School.

Beloved wife of the late Wyn, local chemists, High Street, Barry; dearly loved mother of Rob and Lis. Eryl will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at AG Adams and Son funeral home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Friday November 6. Funeral service in the chapel at 1.30pm, afterwards committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3.00pm.

Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie, Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

RANGER
Lilian (Lil)

Peacefully on 23 October, Lil aged 91 years of Bonvilston. Beloved wife of the late Pete, much loved mum of Sue and Jean, mother in law to Clive. Devoted grandmother to Cerian, James, Bethan, and Callum. A special great-grandmother to Brandon, Evan, Jac and Wil. Sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at W A Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday 6th November at 2pm. No flowers by request, donations if wished for Ty Hafan Children's Hospice (cheques only please) may be sent to the funeral home.

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The exam consisted of all aspects of this Korean Martial art, patterns, set sparring, floor work, free sparring and power tests, finishing with theory. The grading was a success with all 20 students passing their grading, four of whom achieved top grade 'A' passes.

They were Lucia and Thea Cunningham, Corey Dorset and Kera Watson-Wood, with Kera Watson-Wood being awarded the Cadoxton grading shield.

Successful candidates were: Promoted to 10a Orange stripe - Harvey Best; promoted to 9th Kup Orange belt - Brandon & Corey Dorset, Peyton & Mellissa Bradshaw, Abigail Harney and Lacey Blackley; promoted to 8th Kup Yellow belt - Tristan Smith; promoted to 7th Kup Green stripe - Leland Butler.

Promoted to 6th Kup Green belt - Riley & Bailey Rees, Ella Jade Bedford, & Kera Watson-Wood; promoted to 5th Kup Blue stripe:- Charlie Rogers & Emily Miles; promoted to 3rd Kup Red stripe: Emily Halford; promoted to 4th Kup Blue belt: Maddison Allen. Thea Cunningham, Leo Cummins & Courtney James; promoted to 2nd Kup Red Belt: Ethan Andrus, Cameron Evans, Mason Blackley; promoted to 1st Kup Black stripe: Lucia Cunningham & Kurtis James.

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The Llantwit Major junior rugby round-up

LAST Sunday, Llantwit Major under-13s had an 11am kick off at the Rec playing fields against St Peters under-13s RFC.

After last Sunday's try fest Llantwit Major were looking to do the same to St Peters but they were in for a rude awakening. St Peters from the start showed they had players to match any of Llantwit's in all aspects of the game.

From the first kick off tackles were flying in fast and furious from both teams, the ball was bobbing around like a hot potato with both squads making too many mistakes.

St Peters rucking skills were dominating from the start, forcing the defenders backwards with good clear outs. One of these turnovers was all St Peters needed; some good passing and offloading of the ball out to the wing allowed him to sprint through some poor defending to score.

The speed and ferocity of St Peters had taken Llantwit by surprise. Llantwit had to regroup quickly otherwise the game could already have been lost. Inside their own 22 a scrum was awarded to Llantwit, and this saw the back line shuffling around ready for the outside half's call.

The ball was won and with dummy runners confusing the St Peters defence, Connor Booker was allowed to charge through to score near the posts. The conversion was taken and completed by Kieran Daw.

Llantwit Major, now in the lead, seemed to get back into their rhythm creating better phases of play. St Peters continued to attack when the opportunities arose.

It wasn't long until Llantwit's second try and this again was from broken play. A maul was created and good ripping of the ball by Rhys Lloyd and Isaac McBride allowed scrum half Stephen Williams to offload. Outside centre Ewan Haywood received the ball at speed and cut his way through the defence breaking half tackles to score under the posts. The conversion was taken and completed by Stephen Williams.

Half-time came and with this a change of players for Llantwit and fresh legs would hopefully protect the 14-5 lead that they had worked very hard for.

From the restart both teams came out fired up and again mistakes from both teams seemed to slow the game down.

A fast defensive line by St Peter's seemed to disrupt any consistency by Llantwit and they seemed to survive on scrap ball.

Again from pure doggedness from the Llantwit forwards, the ball found its way out to Jacob Pereira who draw in the defence to allow Ewan Heywood to again open up to leave St Peter's in his wake.

With a 19-5 lead it seemed that the game was won but again St Peters had other ideas.

Using their big centre as a ball carrier and again with some poor tackling gained a foothold in the Llantwit's half. Continued pressure and supportive running allowed St Peters to secure their second try.

St Peters' heads were up now and again they poured more pressure onto the Llantwit defence.

The game seemed to have moved more towards St Peters as they continued to drive closer towards the opposition line. Eventually after some great defensive play by Llantwit, St Peters got their reward.

At 19-15 it was now all to play for. For the remainder of the half both teams defended any attacking moves and hardly any real chances to alter the scoreline came. Both teams showed great resilience in a very hard fought game and deserved applaud from both sets of spectators. Final score Llantwit Major 19, St Peters 15.

Team: Rian Thomas, Aled Leitch, Cole Saunders, Ewan Heywood, Isaac McBride, Jordan Lee Griffith, Rhys Lloyd, Jacob Pereira, Kieran Daw, Kofi Jones, Sam Deere, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Spencer Williams, Stephen Williams, Connor Booker, Joe Davies, Luke Thomas, Jacob Hunt, Cai Ellerton, Rhodri Richards, Tom Redfern - Hughes and Joe Parry.

MD

Last Sunday Llantwit Warriors travelled to St Peters, Cardiff to play.

They had two matches lined up, against St Peters A and St Albans. Playing St Peters has always been a tough match for the Warriors, and this wasn't any different.

The match was a fantastic match to watch. The Warriors started really strong and kept possession of the ball, even at the breakdown – which is where previously St Peters controlled the game.

The Warriors played great rugby, working hard to keep ball in hand, they were passing and rucking amazingly. St Peters are always extremely well drilled in set moves, but the Warriors held their own and were determined to keep St Peters away from the try line.

It was only through two missed tackles that St Peters broke through the Warriors defensive line to score two tries in the first half, but the Warriors were not giving up.

They worked together as a team, and with some fantastic hand to hand ball play, they got the ball out wide and left Sam A the space to run in a lovely try.

The second half was just as physical as the first with all players put ting everything into the game. St Peters were able to score another two tries in the game, making the final score St Peters 4, Llantwit Warriors 1, try scorer Sam A.

Every match between St Peters and the Warriors has always been a great game to watch and St Peters have always pushed the Warriors to play their best rugby, and they did exactly that.

The second game of the day was against St Albans, a fairly new team. The Warriors were determined to finish the day with a win and again threw everything they had at St Albans.

The Warriors defence was strong, and they were attacking well, creating space for a few lovely tries to be run in by Dylan M, Logan and another from Sam A. Final score St Albans 1, Llantwit Warriors 5.

Squad: Iwan Thomas, Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Olly Williams, Rhys Davies, Sam Harry, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Dylan Wright, Caleb Beare, Dylan Morgan, Will Squance, Aneurin Price, Evan Harris, Kyle Griffiths, Owen Hill, Cristian Parry, Finn O'Brian and Jamie Jenkins.

On a crisp October Sunday morning Llantwit Major under-7s travelled across Cardiff to play St Peters and St Albans in a round robin.

With St Peters flush with players they decided to field two teams meaning that the small Llantwit squad played three matches in their first away trip of the season.

Having only started playing matches last Sunday, this season's under-7s are growing in confidence and were looking to build on their great performance against Taffs Well last week.

Match one saw Llantwit take on St Peters A, with the hosts showing their extra few weeks' experience with some good running and tagging skills being displayed from both teams.

Llantwit Major played really well during the game and during an incredibly tight contest St Peters scored a late try that helped to seal a 11-9 victory for the hosts.

Next up were the St Peters Bs, and again the match was a very close contest with end to end play.

Some dashing scores and good evasive skills saw both teams running in some top Sunday morning tries. The match ended in a 12-12 draw and both teams could be happy with their effort and endeavour.

The final match saw Llantwit play St Albans and after two close matches Llantwit started the match with gusto scoring some lovely tries.

Unfortunately St Albans soon started to get their own game going and got back into the game which brought the match on level terms.

With Llantwit beginning to tire a couple of late tries saw St Albans steal a victory with the score 8-5 to St Albans.

Team: Aaron Mole, Dylan Rees, Dylan Thomas, Keegan Saunders, Keiran Neil, Scott Sawyer, Sean Boult, Will Jones. **MR**

UNDER-8S IN ACTION

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC under-8s were in action at Barry Comprehensive School on Saturday and their newly-sponsored jackets came in useful as the weather turned for the worst.

They were joined by teams from FC Barry, Cogan, Inter Penarth, Island Marine, Rhoose, Caddy Imps and Holton Road.

Llantwit Saints and Llantwit Lions had to play each other in the first match of the day and both teams had their game face on, not letting their 'friends' get one over them.

In Llantwit Dragons' first match the team let the opposition take a two goal lead before battling back for the win. The rest of the matches didn't disappoint either with all players getting stuck in and the goalkeepers being up for the job when called upon.

There were no post-match photos as the rain came down but the coaches made sure the teams were presented with player of the week certificates.

Llantwit Lions award went to Bleddyn Mitchem for his overall energy during the matches and bagging a few goals for the team.

Llantwit Saints' award went to Finley Phillips-Kemp who is solid in defence and could land this award most weeks.

Llantwit Dragons also had a tough choice with so many players doing well, but it was decided that Oliver Ingram deserved it for a fine defensive performance linking well with the rest of the team.

The team have been given a well-deserved rest thisweek but will be back in action on November 7, weather dependent.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Brian's point-to-point blast from the past – 2003

DAVID BRACE, sponsor of the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow, saw his *Dawn's Cognac* land the men's open race at the Vale of Clettwr fixture.

Ridden by leading rider Julian Pritchard, *Dawn's Cognac,* named after Mr Brace's wife Dawn's favourite tipple, had fallen in his two previous races but this time led four fences from home to win easily from *Chestnut Wood*.

Bargoed's Beth Williams, riding 12-year-old *Market Springer,* took the ladies' open race by a length from *Baltic Magic*. *Market Springer* certainly likes the Erw Lon course, having been successful on his last two runs there last season.

Two riders notched-up doubles; evergreen Dai Jones from Carmarthen scored with *Gold Kriek* (maiden division 3) and *Little Eleanor* (confined) with Pembrokeshire's Paul Shelldrake successful with *StickWithTheHand* (members) and *Grizzly Golfwear* (restricted division 2).

Richard Mathias's nine-year-old *Glacial Boy* was well ridden by Candy Thomas and won by a distance from *Valjean* partnered by young William Oakes.

Ogmore's Nick Williams won division 1 of the maiden on Letterfrack Lad beating *Trial Trip*, ridden by national and Welsh champion Evan Williams by a short head in an exciting finish.

Nick, like his older brother Christian, has a promising future ahead of him.

The first of the two Curre and Llangibby fixtures had better weather. Robert Stephens, who is 19 years old, and attached to Philip Hobbs' yard, took the opening hunt members' race on the 14-year-old grey *Kerry Soldier Blue* trained by his father David, who has ridden many winners himself over the Howick course.

This was Robert's first win between-the-flags, but he had opened his account under rules as an amateur when winning a hurdle race at Fontwell earlier in the month.

The Vale's Bob Mason's *Cherry Gold*, who notched-up six wins last season, won his first open race by six lengths from *Smile Please* after making all the running with his trainer/rider Evan Williams in the saddle.

Richard Mathias' *Mystic Native,* ridden by Candy Thomas, won the ladies' open race by two lengths from the favourite *He's A Dancer*.

Gwent's Tommy Faulkner took the confined on *Chief Predator* trained by his mother Debbie and owned by Mrs Edna Hussey. *Chief Predator*, a 10-1 chance, scored by 20 lengths from *Andy's Lad* with the well backed Court Leney a further two lengths away in third spot.

Joe Price, 'The Grand Old Man of Welsh Hunt Racing', earned the biggest cheers of the day when winning the confined on *Wee Junior* by two lengths from *Twilight Dancer*.

Despite his name, *Wee Junior* must be one of the biggest point-to-pointers in training.

Leading amateur Christian Williams was successful on his father Robert's *Candlestone Castle* in the second division of the restricted open, the first division being won by Edward Walker on 14-year-old *Felloo*.

Welsh ladies' champion Lucy Rowsell won the second division on *Rubian Prince* who benefited from the falls of *Almost A Day* and *Good Morning* at the last fence.

William Oakes, aged 17, landed the third division on 20-1 outsider *Mensch*, owned and trained by Paul Morgan.

Riding honours at the rearranged Carmarthenshire meeting at Erw Lon the following day went to chartered surveyor Tim Vaughan who had a treble with *PowerNGlory* (men's open), *Noaff* (Intermediate) and *Johnny's Gone* (restricted).

The ladies' open went to 14-year-old *Oscail An Doras* who beat another 14-year-old *River Lossie* by 20 lengths. Winning rider Emily Jones looks just at home riding over the jumps as she is on the flat.

Amanda Meakins took the first division of the maiden on her *ItsallupintheAir* who was rather lucky as *Oscarxpress*, who looked liked giving Vaughan a four-timer, fell at the last.

The second division went to *Parisian Storm* who, under Evan Williams, scored by 25 lengths from *Carew Lad*. Mark Lewis took the aged maiden on *Home Again* who made every post a winning one and had 25 lengths to spare over *Daisy's Choice*.

Evan lands a delightful double

ON the first day of the recent two-day Chepstow Jumps Festival meeting, Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams landed a 615-1 double when the only two horses he saddled, Tea In Transvaal and Court Minstrel, both ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won their respective races.

The former a winner of her previous three races won the £13,000 Weatherbys Hamilton Hurdle (Limited Handicap) getting home by three parts of a length from Karezak and the latter, who shared top weight of 11 stone, 12 pounds, won the main race of the day, the £50,000 Totepool Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle by two lengths from the Philip Hobbs-trained Rock The Kasbah.

Twenty-four hours later Evan and Paul captured the £30,000 Totepool Persian War Novices' Hurdle feature race when Roadie Joe, a winner of his previous three races, won by a short head from Cardinal Palace.

Evan said: "His owner sent him over to me and told me to find the worse summer jumps race you can win with him, but he's just kept improving and it is fantastic. To be honest his Irish point-to-point form was poor to put it mildly but although hes slow, he saw it out here."

Paul said: "He's a lovely type of horse with a lovely attitude. I was most impressed with him." Roadie Joe started at odds of 8-1 in a field of just six runners.

Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen won the ASCF Supports Bob Champion Cancer Trust Veterans' Handicap Chase with his 10-year-old Danimix.

DARK SPIRIT, trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, landed the £12,512 Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Series Qualifier) at Cheltenham last Friday.

Well ridden by Lewis Gordon, seven-year-old Dark Spirit, who was returned at odds of 11-1, came home two-and-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Mr Shantu, who was bidding for a three-timer.

On Sunday, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan took the opening £3,249 Wincanton Handicap Hurdle with six-year-old Panis Angelicus, which won by three parts of a length from the top-weighted favourite Barton Antix.

Panis Angelicus was partnered by Alan Johns and was available at odds of 13-2.

BRIAN LEE

Barry Town return home on Saturday!

BARRY Town United return home to Jenner Park this weekend for a Welsh Cup second round showdown with fellow Welsh League Division One outfit Aberdare Town (2pm).

The fixture will be Barry's first on the all-new, state-of-the-art 3G playing surface at Jenner Park, which achieved its FIFA-accredited status last week, allowing it to host football matches up to a UEFA Champions League level.

Gavin Chesterfield's side have spent the first 11 weeks of their season on the road, winning four and drawing three of their opening nine league fixtures, while progressing in both the League Cup and Welsh Cup competitions.

Admission for this weekend's Welsh Cup fixture at Jenner Park is only £5 on the turnstiles (with concessions for senior citizens, students and juniors).

Gates are at 1.30pm, with entry available at both the Gladstone Road and Barry Road ends of the stadium and disabled access via the Devon Avenue entrance (please contact the club via 07557 665 847 to arrange).

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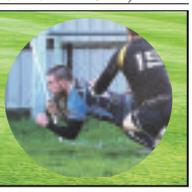

The All Blacks line up a Rugby World Cup double!

THERE has been an air of inevitability about defending champions New Zealand's unbeaten march to the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham this weekend.

Having surmounted their toughest obstacle so far with a 20-18 victory over South Africa in the pouring rain at Twickenham on Saturday, they now face an Australian side that has blown hot and cold and has been riding its luck throughout the tournament, notably against Wales when the Wallabies were reduced to 13 men.

This continued on Sunday in the flattering 29-15 win over Argentina, helped by a converted try that should have been disallowed by referee Wayne Barnes for a forward pass.

The All Blacks, too, have had their slice of luck, and skipper Richie McCaw may be considered fortunate to be in the line-up after escaping a citing, following an incident when a South African player was elbowed in the head.

One thing is for sure, there will be no love lost between these two bitter southern hemisphere rivals when the RWC 2015 final kicks off at 4pm on Saturday – with the northern hemisphere merely spectators on the sidelines.

Another tight contest is in prospect, but it would be a brave man who would bet against New Zealand achieving the first ever back-to-back World Cup victory since the tournament began.

DON JOHN

Comprehensive netballers are in action

COWBRIDGE A team were first to play Bro Morgannwg.

The game started at a fast pace and Cowbridge took the lead early. The girls worked hard in attack and took many of the chances they had at goal.

Bro, however, made it difficult with very good defenders. Jordan, Meriel and Sophie worked hard to created space which provided Olivia with the opportunities to put us ahead.

Several minutes into the game Bro upped the tempo and began to attack. A very tall shooter on the opposing side made it almost impossible for Sarah to intercept the ball.

Long and high balls straight to the shooter provided Bro with the opportunity to close the gap and they did. At half-time the score was 11-7 to Cowbridge.

The second half started and Cowbridge's aim was to prevent the ball being passed to the very tall shooter.

Excellent defensive work by Jordan, Tirion and Molly meant that Bro didn't have as many opportunities to score as in the first half.

Brilliant play and effort in the centre third of the court meant Cowbridge won possession on Bro's centre passes. This gave us the upper hand as Sophie and Olivia's shooting was very consistent and they took every chance they had to increase the gap. Final score 21-12.

Cowbridge B team was second to play against Bro's B team. Cowbridge's game started well with many attempts at goal.

Unfortunately we were unable to take our chances as the game remained 0-0.

The game was very even with both teams having periods of attack and defence. Cowbridge were first to score and this seemed to give them momentum.

Good passing and moving by Emily, Mali and Catherine gave the girls many opportunities to take the lead.

However good defence and shots off target prevented us from getting the points. The first half ended 3-2.

The second half started well with some excellent defensive work by Alys, Charlotte and Rachel. They had some lovely interceptions and fed some great balls back to the attackers.

Similar to the first half we were unable to take our chances at goal and Bro's lead slowly increased.

Cowbridge worked very hard throughout the game and never gave up.

The final score was 8-4 to Bro Morgannwg.

DC

Abercwmboi are too strong for depleted Cowbridge RFC

COWBRIDGE travelled to Abercwmboi last Saturday and, following a string of excellent results over the previous few weeks, the boys would have been looking forward to the match with confidence.

However, with just the bare 15 players following withdrawals/unavailability, it was always going to be a tough encounter, and so it proved to be against a strong Abercwmboi team.

Without going into too much detail the boys battled throughout but with strong running forwards and pacey backs Abercwmboi scored 55 points with no reply.

Despite the score Cowbridge created several chances with Geraint Thomas and Rhod Walker up front and particularly Tom Sterling in the backs always looking to make the hard yards.

With the half-time score at 23-0 there was just a chance, with a bit of good fortune, that Cowbridge might be able to claw their way back into the game but every attack that broke down saw the home side come away with the ball and charge back up the field.

The plus side is that all 15 players gave their everything and did not give in at any time.

The youth had a tough game at home against Tondu and won 14-9

There are no games this weekend but the club will be open as usual, with the World Cup final at 4pm.

Next Saturday, November 14, the firsts are at home to Canton, the youth BA travel to Merthyr and the youth BF play Llandaff North at home. **RV/RK**

Town Reds impress...

IN the charming autumnal surround of Cowbridge, the Reds entertained Sully Eagles in their latest league fixture.

A heavy downpour the night before had softened the pitch but not the home side's desire to entertain.

While Sully Eagles kicked off, that was about all they saw of the ball for much of the first half as the Reds flew out of the traps to establish a 6-0 lead within the first 10 minutes through goals from Craig Tapsfield (4), Ruben Davies and Harry Treharne.

Sully were clearly shell-shocked by this start and went on to concede a further four goals before half-time with another goal for Harry, two from Steffan Evans and a well-taken goal from Tom Collingridge.

Whatever the Sully coach said to his players at half-time clearly worked as they looked a different team in the second half, with determined defending and more attacking intention which put the Reds defence under pressure for the first time in the match.

However, the defence was well marshalled by Reds captain Rhys Hardman and fellow defenders Aaron Holcombe and Edward Thomas meaning that most attacks were swiftly thwarted.

Midway through the second half the Reds were awarded a penalty for a poor challenge, but were unable to capitalise and Sully opened their account shortly after.

However, this galvanised the Reds who scored shortly after an unforgiving deflection off a Sully defender. Sam Davies then opened his account, quickly followed by Harry's third of the day from a poor goalkick. Sam scored again making it 14-1 to the Reds.

Strong pressure from a series of corners saw Ruben scoring his second with Will Harris closing play with a clever lob into the far corner just before the whistle blew for full-time, making the final score 16-1 to the Reds.

The final scoreline was not a true reflection of the game or the opposition who played some good football. The Reds now look forward to a well-deserved break over half-term.

Squad: Finlay Ball, Tom Collingridge, Ruben Davies, Sam Davies, Steffan Evans, Akka Guwy, Rhys Hardman, Will Harris, Aaron Holcombe, Aron Kempson, Toby Mallett, Jac Roberts, Craig Tapsfield, Edward Thomas, and Harry Treharne.

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The Cowbridge darts league round-up

ON Tuesday, October 20, there was a full programme of league matches.

With the Highwayman Inn having a bye, the Farmers Arms regained the top stop with a 7-2 win over the Six Bells Inn. The Edmondes A were defeated 7-2 by Llanharry. In this match Steve Simmonite (Edmondes A) hit a 112 three-dart-out.

The Edmondes B defeated the Edmondes C 6-3, and in the bottom of the table clash the Hare and Hounds eventually defeated the Old Post Ladies also by the score of 6-3. In that win Simon Reader (Hare and Hounds) hit a 180.

Present league standings, after four matches, are: Farmers Arms (23 points), Edmondes B (21), Highwayman Inn and Edmondes A (18), Six Bells Inn and Edmondes C (16), Llanharry (13), Hare & Hounds (11) and Old Post Ladies (8).

Next week, Tuesday, November 3, the Edmondes Arms and the Six Bells Inn will host the first rounds of the mixer doubles.

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